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On April 5, 2005 the Iowa Quarter Horse Association was pleased to present the Harmony Ranch Therapeutic Riding with a check for \$500.00. This money was raised through benefit trail rides which were hosted by the Iowa Quarter Horse Association as an affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association's RIDE Program. AQHA's RIDE program is an international series of trail rides that celebrate the joys of horseback riding while supporting many aspects of the equine industry as well as other charitable organizations. Last year's rides were held at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area near Fort Dodge and featured America's number one cowboy singer, Michael Martin Murphey, and at Volga River State Park near Fayette, Iowa. This year's ride is scheduled for August 20, 2005 at Garst Farms Resort near Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Harmony Ranch Therapeutic Riding is a non-profit organization based in Clear Lake, Iowa. Their mission is to use animals and the beauty of nature to facilitate Christian ministry by providing therapeutic, educational and recreational opportunities. Doctors, therapist, riding instructors, and families have become aware of the positive physical and mental benefits of horseback riding for individuals physically and/or mentally challenged.

For more information on Harmony Ranch Therapeutic Riding please contact Linda Rodemeyer at 641-822-4681 or Meg Hughes at 641-860-1605.

For more information on the Iowa Quarter Horse Association benefit trail rides please contact Lori Mennenga at 641-358-6166.

Pictured above: Tom Tokheim of Joice, Linda Rodemeyer of Rockwell, Meg Hughes of Kanawha, (Harmony Ranch Therapeutic Riding staff) and Lori Mennenga of Meservey, RIDE Coordinator for the Iowa Quarter Horse Association