

Neglected horses get second chance

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The sagging economy is being blamed for a myriad of problems, with unemployment and home foreclosures being high on the list of concerns.

Horse neglect, however, is now being added to that growing list of issues caused by the economy. Indian Hill resident Linda Pavey says owning a horse can be a costly ordeal that can lead to more than \$1,000 a month in additional bills. With many businesses struggling and with many people out of work, horses that were once cared for are now being neglected at a higher rate than before, she said.

Pavey created the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund in 2000 due to her passion for the animals. The fund, which is named after Pavey's late horse, gives grants to various shelters and rescue/adoption facilities that specialize in taking care of neglected or mistreated horses. "Horses have brought so much to my life," she said.

Despite her time and efforts since beginning the fund, Pavey said there are still more horses in need than there are donations. Therefore, through Dec. 31, she said she will match any money donated to her fund. "Every little bit helps," Pavey said.

She said she's toured several of the facilities she gives money to in order to know her donations are being used properly. Grants and donations are used to buy anything from bags of grain to acreage for horses to roam.



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Indian Hill resident Linda Pavey cares for "Hayden," a 20-year-old horse she saved from neglect several years ago. Pavey currently runs a fund that provides grants and funding to facilities that care for neglected horses.



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Indian Hill resident Linda Pavey runs the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund, which raises money for neglected horses. The fund was created in 2000, and Pavey is currently offering to match any funds donated through Dec. 31.

What can be done?

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Brennan Equine Fund, send a check to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (write "Brennan Equine Welfare Fund" in the memo line) and mail it to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, P.O. Box 5200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201. For more information or to donate online, visit

www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com or call

Linda Pavey at 561-5251.