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4th Annual Evening for the Kids is held at Almosta Ranch in Scottsdale, Benefiting Arizona's Special Needs Children

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3 Cowgirls & an Outlaw, LLC represented by Becky Dunning, Peggy Kimes, Mindy Barkemeyer and Al Dunning hosted the 4th Annual Evening for the Kids at the Almosta Ranch in Scottsdale.

This \$125 per person venue included a traditional dessert dinner, dancing and silent auction to "enrich the lives of special-need children through therapeutic riding programs." Entertainment was provided by the Pat James Band who regularly play at the Buffalo Chip in Cave Creek.



The Scottsdale Charros. Photo by Charlie Brooks



Kathy Dodson, Grace Rusin, Becky Dunning. Photo by Charlie Brooks

Becky Dunning and Peggy Kimes were instrumental in establishing through the American Quarter Horse Association Foundation, an Arizona Division of America's Horse Cares. Becky has competed in numerous AQHA events over the years, earning three reserve world championships.

over 40 years. Peggy served as youth advisor for the Arizona Quarter Horse Youth Association, as well as helped her own kids achieve several world championships in horsemanship, showmanship, trail, western riding and reining.

Peggy has been very active in the horse industry for



Peggy Kimes, Becky Dunning, Mindy Barkemeyer, Camelot Director Mary Hadsall, and Kathy Dodson. Photo by Charlie Brooks



Peggy Kimes, Becky Dunning, Mindy Barkemeyer, Leslie Esselburn of T.R.O.T. Therapeutic Riding of Tucson, and Kathy Dodson. Photo by Charlie Brooks

Al and Becky have owned and operated Almosta Ranch, a Quarter Horse training facility in Scottsdale, Arizona, since 1970. Al has achieved numerous world championships in cutting, reining, and working cowhorses. He ropes too!

What Becky, Al, and Peggy all have in common is a great love for children and the therapeutic benefits of our relationship with the horse. Al



Peggy Kimes, Becky Dunning, Mindy Barkemeyer, Greg Goodman of Horses Help, and Kathy Dodson. Photo by Charlie Brooks

received the "Spirit of Community Award" from the Scottsdale Charros for his contribution to an innovative horse program for children called "Horsesense" in 2005.

The Scottsdale Charros provided the highlight of the evening as they awarded \$10,000 to this year's America's Horse Cares program in Arizona. Benefits and sponsorships such as these provide for the America's Horse Cares program to give Therapeutic Grants to local programs within Arizona.

Recipients for such grants this year were: Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. Scottsdale; TROT/Therapeutic Riding of Tucson, and Horses Help! Of Phoenix. Finally, a first year participant in



Peggy Kimes, Becky Dunning, Mindy Barkemeyer. Photo by Charlie Brooks

Evening for the Kids was Horses with H.E.A.R.T., Inc. Prescott.



Wylene Wilson, Al Dunning, Becky Dunning. Photo by Charlie Brooks

To learn more about America's Horse Cares Foundation visit www.aqha.com.



Peggy Kimes, Becky Dunning, Mindy Barkemeyer with the Scottsdale Charros who donate \$10,000 to the Arizona Division of America's Horse Cares. Photo by Charlie Brooks

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