



GEVA inc.
Equine Retirement
Foundation and Sanctuary

July 20, 2017

For Immediate Release: Generous Grants Bestowed on GEVA inc.

The Glen Ellen Vocational Academy, Inc., Northern California's oldest Thoroughbred retirement and rehabilitation foundation and sanctuary, has recently received generous grants from the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (BEWF) and the Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA).

Founded in 1995 by Pam Berg on her Glen Ellen Farms GEVA is an equine retirement and rehabilitation sanctuary accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS). It has also been accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance for several years and is currently going through the re-accreditation process, a regular process for renewal of accreditation every two years, awaiting the final farm inspection. GEVA caters primarily to OTTBs, but does have a couple of other breed rescues on the farm also. Berg runs the nonprofit with the help of volunteers.

GEVA received the grant from BEWF to be applied toward the installation of emergency lighting for the several paddocks in which the horses live in groups. The donation from TCA is to be used for the maintenance of the more than thirty horses typically quartered at the farm. The funds will be used for hay and feed and other supplements for the horses under GEVA's care.

"We are one of the few accredited equine sanctuaries in the country, and we appreciate the support we have received from both BEWF and TCA. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, all money we receive is used solely for the horses," said Berg.

Berg received Dogwood Stable's Dominion Award in 2004 for her work with GEVA. The award honors those in the racing industry who work to create a positive influence in the business. Berg was also honored by the Sonoma Horse Council in 2011 by being inducted into their Hall of Fame for her work providing for horses in need.

In addition to being a retirement operation, GEVA was also founded as a bilingual vocational school to teach people the skills necessary to work with horses in a safe, humane and confident manner. "We also hope to instill the sense of responsibility for these horses into the owners and thank the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and the Thoroughbred Charities of America for their recognition of our efforts," commented Berg on definite note of appreciation for their support.