

NARHA Announces 2009 National Award Winners

Awards were presented to horses, riders, volunteers and instructors from therapeutic riding programs across the country.

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NARHA's National Award Winners were feted at the Annual NARHA Awards Banquet November 21 in the Renaissance Worthington Hotel's Grand Ballroom in Fort Worth, Texas. The Banquet featured an excellent dinner, punctuated by cheers and happy tears for the people who exemplify the best of the wonderful population of participants, instructors, volunteers and equines who work together to change the lives of people who live with physical, mental, emotional and learning challenges.

The following people received 2009 NARHA National Achievement Awards

James Brady Lifetime Achievement Award:
Isabella (Boo) Martin,
Horse Power Therapeutic Riding Center,
Temple, New Hampshire

NARHA Adult Equestrian Recognition Award:
Amanda Firnhaber,
Reins of Life, Inc.,
South Bend, Indiana

NARHA Child Equestrian Award:
Michael Swan,
C.H.U.M. Therapeutic Riding, Inc.,
Mason, Michigan

NARHA Independent Adult Equestrian Recognition Award:
Sarah Smittle,
Horses of Hope Riding Center Inc.,
Columbus, Kansas

NARHA Youth Equestrian Recognition Award:
Andrew Wash,
Saddle Up!,
Franklin, Tennessee

NARHA Equine of the Year Award:
Kleng,
NorthWest Therapeutic Riding Center,
Bellingham, Washington

NARHA Instructor of the Year:
Nancy Hohmann,
Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center,
Windham, Maine

NARHA Volunteer of the Year:
Sara Reams,
Calvin Center Therapeutic Riding Program,
Hampton, Georgia

NARHA President's Award:



David Forster,
Member, NARHA Board of Trustees
San Diego, CA

The Independent Adult Equestrian award was sponsored by the American Paint Horse Association. The volunteer awards were sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association and the instructor awards were sponsored by Purina Mills. For more information visit narha.org