



*"Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies"*

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**PATH Intl. Exhibits at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo**

**Denver**—It is something that PATH Intl. staff members hear every year at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo: "I have a friend who could really use your services." Every year, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) attracts visitors to its booth at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo to gather information about the ever-growing field of equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT). This year is no different. PATH Intl. will host a booth at the horse expo, March 9-11, 2012, at the National Western Complex in Denver, CO.

Many people who attend the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo are only slightly familiar with EAAT. However, when they visit the PATH Intl. booth, they instantly recognize the need as they think of the girl next door with autism, the soldier returning from Afghanistan, the boss who is looking for a great team-building experience, a parent facing the physical realities of aging, or the young man suffering traumatic brain injury from a car accident. Each year, more than 42,000 individuals find strength, independence and a renewed outlook on life through EAAT and PATH Intl. programs. Tens of thousands of men, women and children facing physical, mental and emotional challenges are able to gain a sense of pride and accomplishment through the work of PATH Intl. and its members. That's a huge impact in a lot of lives.

PATH Intl. maintains the highest standards for safety, ethics and effectiveness in the EAAT field through its instructor certification, center accreditation, educational events, published resources and advocacy work. To be part of PATH Intl.—as a center, a member, an instructor, a participant or a volunteer—means to be part of an international organization that changes lives.

Come to the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo and look for the PATH Intl. booth. Talk to our wonderful staff members and volunteers. Pick up some information. Learn how to change lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies.

For information on PATH Intl., visit [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).

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**About PATH Intl.:**

*Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly NARHA, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 800 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and*

*licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 24,000 volunteers, 2,000 instructors, 5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.*