# THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

Your source for support from grass roots to high performance.









The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt donor-driven organization that is dedicated to supporting and advancing the sport of dressage.

The organization solicits contributions, appropriately allocates the donations, and awards grants and scholarships to dressage riders of all ages and levels.

For more information, please visit www.dressagefoundation.org



### Funding Provided Directly to the United States Dressage Federation

#### USDF FEI JR/YR CLINIC SERIES

The Dressage Foundation provided \$13,000 in 2010 for funding these clinics annually. This money comes from the "Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund" at the Foundation (for the 2010 clinic series).

USDF/USEF YR GRADUATE PROGRAM The Dressage Foundation also provided \$15,000 in 2010 for funding support for this fine program.



#### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JUDGES AND USDF "L" EDUCATION PROGRAM GRADUATES The Dressage Foundation is proud to fund up to \$7,200 annually, permitting USDF to offer one grant in the amount of \$800 in each of nine USDF Regions. Participants have consistently rated these programs at the highest level. In the last few years, some of the clinicians have been Janet Foy, Marilyn Heath, Melissa Creswick, Sandy Howard, and Joan Humphrey.

The Dressage Foundation is constantly researching and developing new funds to further the sport of Dressage. Visit our website for the latest additions!

# Funding Provided to the United States Dressage Federation Members, Group Member Organizations/Chapters, and Individuals

THE CAROL LAVELL GIFTED FUND offers nine \$900 training scholarships annually to adult amateurs, one in each USDF Region. Applicants must be a member of USDF and a member of a GMO in the region for which they apply.

VIOLET M. HOPKINS FUND offers funding to USDF GMOs to conduct educational clinics, camps, and seminars for their member riders. Eighteen GMOs received Hopkins Fund grants in 2009 totaling \$24,100 from Foundation funds.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR

INSTRUCTORS FUND, established by Maryal Barnett and Family, provides \$10,000 annually, for \$1,000 grants to ten GMOs/Chapters. This Fund offers wonderful programmatic help, and we hope more GMOs will apply to take advantage of this Fund.

#### THE MICHAEL POULIN DRESSAGE FUND

provides support for programs and projects that enhance the quality of Dressage in the United States. An initial letter of inquiry, outlining the request for funding, should be directed to The Dressage Foundation.

TRIP HARTING FUND was recently established by friends, students and admirers of Trip Harting, a beloved coach and clinician. The Fund's purpose is to provide \$500 Scholarships to a USPC current or graduate B or A, to assist in attending the USDF "L" Education Program, or USDF Instructor Certification Program. THE SALLY SWIFT MEMORIAL FUND provides financial assistance to USDF GMOs to conduct Centered Riding<sup>®</sup> educational clinics and seminars for riders at all levels. Grant applications are due at least 90 days prior to the scheduled event, maximum amount awarded will be \$1,000 per event.

DANCING HORSE FUND promotes Freestyle at all levels and has awarded eight equestrian groups grants in 2008-2009.

OLYMPIC DREAM PROGRAM was conceived by Olympian Michael Poulin and launched in 2000. This Program provides the funding to send four top Young American Dressage riders to Europe for a two-week introduction to European Dressage trainers, riders, facilities and events. Donors fund this Program with approximately \$30,000 each year, which to date, has given thirty-two talented riders this "once-in-a-younglifetime" experience.

#### **USDF REGION 9 TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

AWARD is a \$5,000 annual grant to recognize and honor an outstanding Region 9 Dressage Instructor. Marie Morgan was the first recipient and received a \$5,000 check from The Dressage Foundation in October 2009.

#### RENEE ISLER DRESSAGE SUPPORT FUND

was established to give a financial boost to those YRs who need it, in order for them to participate in the USDF FEI Jr/YR Clinic Series. The Fund offers \$800 grants annually, as needed, one in each of USDF's nine regions. MAJOR ANDERS LINDGREN SCHOLARSHIP is available annually to a Dressage Instructor, especially those in the USDF certified pool, Training through Fourth Level. This \$10,000 award is to help with study abroad to improve teaching and training skills.



CAROL LAVELL ADVANCED DRESSAGE PRIZE is an annual \$25,000 grant to give financial assistance for coaching and training to a talented, committed, qualified rider whose plan is to reach and excel at the elite standards of high performance Dressage. Jan Brons (FL) was the first recipient of this Prize in 2009. The Fund balance is sizable and can provide this \$25,000 Annual Prize until 2022.

# ANNE BARLOW RAMSAY GRANT of \$25,000 is designed to showcase talented American-bred

horses, ridden by U.S. citizens, by providing money to train and compete in Europe. James Koford (NC) and his Dutch Warmblood, Rhett, were the first recipients of this grant in 2009. This Fund contains the "remainder" money of a Charitable Remainder Trust established by Dr. Ramsay in 1998, and will fund this annual grant until 2014. Dr. Ramsay, in 2009, established a second Charitable Remainder Unitrust, which will



perpetuate this funding far out into future years.

# Our Supporters... Vital and Valued

The Dressage Foundation is so proud and appreciative of all our supporters, those who give of their time, their expertise, and their assets. They make both the quality and quantity of our work possible. They perform numerous tasks on our behalf, from serving on our governance team and grant and scholarship selection committees, to representing us at public activities and making the financial contributions that are our lifeblood. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say THANK YOU!

If you would like to make a donation to support any of the programs listed, please contact the Foundation offices or visit our website www.dressagefoundation.org to make an online donation. For full information about The Dressage Foundation, its Funds, Programs, Projects, Grants, Scholarships, Application information and instructions relating to any of the funding opportunities at the Foundation, go to www.dressagefoundation.org. We invite you to contact The Dressage Foundation office if you have questions or need more information.

# Charitable Planned Giving Opportunities

The Dressage Foundation has the expertise, software, and professional advisors to help you, and your legal and financial specialists, with Charitable Planned Gifts – Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, Endowment Fund Gifts, Real Estate Gifts, Wills and Bequests. Tax advantages can be substantial. The Dressage Foundation has a growing

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> For details on Planned Giving, please visit our Gift Legacy website at www.dressagelegacy.org. There you will find illustrative stories, gift proposals, personalized presentations and valuable literature on all types of Planned Gifts.



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