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Miami International Riding Club Receives National Award for Equine Welfare Work

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA – Miami, Florida residents, Celia and Daniela Bunge, have been recognized for their work in the equine welfare community by The Right Horse Initiative. As one of just eight recipients of the inaugural Good People for Good Horses Awards, they were selected based on their contributions and commitment to helping at-risk horses at the Miami International Riding Club.

Mother and daughter duo, Celia and Daniela Bunge, own and operate the largest barn in the Miami area. The Miami International Riding Club has over 50 horses on-site and a robust lesson program. They focus on expanding the sport of showjumping within the community while also bringing new riders into the sport. The facility was awarded the 2018 American Youth Horse Council “Youth Equine Industry Connections Award” for their dedication to connecting kids and horses.

As avid lifelong equestrians, the Bunges have developed a talent for rehabilitating and training rescue horses. Many of the horses come from the racetrack and continue onto new careers as sport horses. Their rehabilitated and re-trained horses transition into a variety of homes and careers including show jumping, dressage and eventing. Other horses remain at the equestrian center and are incorporated into the lesson program.

“We are thrilled to be recognizing a group of outstanding individuals with the Good People for Good Horses awards. We had an incredible group of nominees and each winner has made a powerful impact in their field,” stated Christy Counts, President of the Right Horse Initiative.

Each winner received a custom belt buckle and plaque to honor their efforts. To read more about each winner and their contributions to adoption efforts, please visit <https://therighthorse.org/2019-good-people-for-good-horses-awards/>.

About The Right Horse

The Right Horse Initiative is a collective of industry professionals and equine welfare advocates working together to improve the lives of horses in transition through a dialogue of kindness and respect. Through collaboration with over 60 industry and adoption partners, The Right Horse is able to innovate new and better adoption standards and practices. Together, the goal is to shatter the stigma and reframe the conversation around equine adoption in order to massively increase horse adoption in the United States. To learn more, visit www.therighthorse.org.