



**2023 - \$20,000**

### **AINNIE GOODWIN RISING STAR GRANT**

**Wednesday, November 1st, 2023**

Twenty-seven Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grants have been submitted and are now in the hands of the selection committee. This year's applicants represent four prominent disciplines in the Aiken area; Eventing, Hunter/Jumper, Driving, and Dressage. Their applications, additional responses, and letters of recommendation, are diligently being reviewed with a primary focus on the applicant's strong connections to Aiken, substantial experience in the equestrian profession, well-crafted future plans, and, most importantly, the candidate's demonstration that he/she shares a kindred spirit with Annie. Ultimately the candidate is someone who consistently extends support and encouragement to others while simultaneously pursuing his/her her own journey to the upper echelons of the sport.

We have been humbled by the number and quality of the grants produced in the Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant's inaugural year. The Foundation board is honored to play a small role in promoting Annie's legacy and we are extremely grateful to Putter Goodwin for his leadership and shared passion to make a difference in the lives of others in memory of his daughter Annie.

Please consider making a donation to the **Annie Goodwin Rising Star Fund**, so that we can continue to grow the impact of these annual grants.

The recipient of this year's \$20,000 grant will be named in early December at which time all applicants will be notified.

### GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE

**Daniel Geitner** - AHPF board member, Hunter/Jumper Professional

**Putter Goodwin** - Annie's dad

**Gene "Tiger" Kneece** - Polo Professional

**Boyd Martin** - Olympian, Eventing Professional

**Catherine Stumberg** - Hunter/Jumper Amateur

**Caitlin Silliman** - Eventing Professional

**Robert "Bobby" Stevenson** - FEI Judge, Eventing Professional

Each Member of the selection committee had a strong connection to Annie that transcended sport, friendship, and family. Together with a thoughtfully crafted application, the committee is poised to successfully chose a worthy candidate.

## THE ANNIE GOODWIN RISING STAR FUND

### DONATE



Thank you to all of Annie's friends and family who have already donated to the **Annie Goodwin Rising Star Fund**. To date we have raised \$135,000.00. These funds will serve as the initial corpus to provide for the annual grant program.

We encourage everyone to continue to donate to this fund in support of Annie's memory so that more aspiring young professionals may experience the impact of Annie's gift.

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**Fedarman B (Bruno) successfully completed his second Five Star this past week at Les 5 étoiles de Pau with an 8th place finish making the Annie Goodwin Syndicate, and all of Bruno and Boyd's many supporters very proud.**

Boyd, Bruno, and Putter Goodwin (photo courtesy of Boyd Martin)

Boyd and Bruno on cross-Country (Serena Shelton photography)



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