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Pictured above: Wyatt, Cathy, Lilly, and Daniel Geitner

Bruce's Field has been a hive of activity over the last two weeks! Horse Showing, Homecoming parties, book signings, Halloween costumes, competitions, dunk booth fun, and much more...

This past Saturday evening the DFG Barn dedication ceremony and celebration was held. A significant and joyous occasion, DFG Barn Family members, horse show staff, and exhibitors, assembled around Barn 12 to recognize the huge success of peer to peer fund-raising. Fortunately for this community, Cathy and Daniel Geitner have called Aiken their home for the last twenty-five years. Thanks to the encouragement and support of Bruce Duchossois, Cathy and Daniel decided to start their business here in Aiken. When Bruce decided to protect the 66 acres he purchased in 2000 by creating a Foundation in 2013, Daniel was one of the first people he called.

Daniel and Cathy's guidance in the development of The Aiken Horse Park Foundation has been an integral aspect of its growing success.

For their customers and friends to come together to honor them in this manner is recognition of their integrity, leadership, and character. Please join us in a big thank you to the Geitner family and their friends for this enormous gift to Bruce's Field.



**With Sincere Gratitude for the
collective generosity of our DFG Family**

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Catherine Stumberg
Michael Wren
The Young Family**

We hope that the DFG Group both inspires and challenges other barn families to come up with their own creative ways to support this campaign at a level at which they are most comfortable.



Earlier this year the Aiken Horse Park Foundation launched its \$7 million **Next Chapter** Capital Campaign, Phase I: Path to Sustainability. This phase includes the completion of 10 new barns, initial execution on a landscaping plan, building a new competition arena, and expanding practice areas for competitors.

The foundation has come a long way in the past several years and the park's reputation and capacity has put it at the very top of elite competitive equestrian destinations in the country. Long term, sustainability goals will provide a unique ability to impact our community in an increasingly positive fashion.

The first new barn was dedicated in early March 2022, thanks to an anonymous donor who wished to name a barn in honor of **Evie and Phillip Dutton** in recognition of the significant relationship Phillip had with Bruce Duchossois and in acknowledgement of his ongoing leadership role at the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. Three more barn dedications were held in May, thanks to the generous contributions of **Jack Wetzel, Dayle and Ed Fortino**, and the **John R. Ingram Advised Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee**. We will dedicate the **River Edge Farm Barn** early next winter followed by the **Debbie Smith** barn dedication next May.



We have long recognized that in order to remain the venue of choice to our many friends in the equestrian industry, we must continue to reinvest in the property. In that spirit we have added permanent stalls so that more of our guests can enjoy a comfortable and memorable horse show experience.

Additional barns also represent a clear path to financial sustainability for the Foundation, thus allowing us to focus on our Mission and perpetuating Bruce's Legacy.

The Next Chapter Capital Campaign was conceived in the Fall of 2019 with hopes to launch in the Spring of 2020. While the Pandemic interrupted our progress, we have now resumed our efforts to engage all stakeholders in the Next Chapter.



PHASE I - SUSTAINABILITY

Permanent Stabling for all 600 horses

- Safety of horses
- Satisfaction of competitors
- Revenue for AHPF

Additional Competition Arena

- 5th competition arena capability
- Stand-alone special events arena
- Incorporating Park atmosphere by including an island of trees within the arena

COST: \$7 MILLION



We are very fortunate to have forged a strong partnership with **Security Federal Bank**. Their commitment to us has allowed us to flexibly move forward with our goal towards sustainability while the campaign momentum remains strong. We will be using additional campaign contributions to retire our loans and provide fresh capital to execute on 2022 projects.

We have raised **\$5.18 million** to date but we still have a ways to go to reach our goal of **\$7 million**.

Sincerest thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this campaign:

DONORS (As of October 24, 2022)

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Please join us in writing Aiken's Next Chapter...

THE NEXT CHAPTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Its **MISSION** is to promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and to encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors.

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