

Artist's rendition of proposed KHP monument



**“THE BOND”**  
**Two Hearts - One Spirit**

A Monument Honoring the Horse/Human Connection  
through Cody's Wish & Cody Dorman



## 2 Hearts - 1 Spirit: Cody Dorman & Cody's Wish

*One of horse racing's most inspiring stories involves the almost mystical connection between the 2023 Horse of the Year Cody's Wish, and his namesake, Cody Dorman, a young man who was born with a rare genetic disorder, Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome, that confined him to a life in a wheelchair, unable to walk or communicate.*

Cody, who defied the grim prognoses, was never expected to live past the age of two, yet he first showed the fight in him when he was five weeks old when he survived open-heart surgery after an initial procedure failed. He then survived two strokes and almost 50 surgeries over his 17 years. Through subtle head movements he found that he was able to communicate on a tablet.

It all started in 2018 when Cody met the bay son of Curlin when he was a foal at Godolphin's Gainsborough Farm in Versailles, KY, as part of a collaboration between Keeneland and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Everyone was concerned about how the visit might go due to the horse's unfamiliarity with a wheelchair.

The foal eyed his special visitor and approached slowly. He sniffed around some before burying his head in Cody's lap. That was the moment that forever changed their lives. The unique and special bond between the young horse and Cody led to the naming of the horse as "Cody's Wish." Cody drew the same reaction in succeeding visits over the years, and Cody's Wish never failed to acknowledge the young man's presence. It's a tribute and recognition of the profound

connection and friendship that developed between the boy and the horse.

*"These two just had some type of language they used to communicate with each other," said Kelly Dorman, Cody's father. "You couldn't hear it, but you could see it and you could certainly feel it. It was pretty amazing."*

Kelly described Cody's Wish as his son's "best friend." He noted a profound difference in the boy after the horse entered their lives. Cody no

longer battled depression, and became stronger and more dedicated to his therapy and schoolwork. He celebrated birthdays with his namesake and attended almost every single race Cody's Wish ran after 2022. Cody even attended his high school prom - which is a true testament to his indomitable spirit and the transformative impact of this extraordinary equine connection.

Their friendship changed each other on a deep level, and their common bond was their determination - determination to survive for Cody Dorman, and determination to win for Cody's Wish.

On November 4, 2023, the Dorman Family were at Santa Anita Racetrack in California to watch Cody's Wish race for a repeat win in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. This would be the final run for Cody's

Wish, and Cody was in the Winner's Circle to honor his best friend's win. On his way home the next day, Cody Dorman suffered a medical event on the plane and died at the age of 17.

"With Cody's diagnosis at birth, we always knew this day would come, but we were determined to help Cody live his best life for however long we had him," his parents said. "Anyone who has seen him at the racetrack, especially around Cody's Wish, understands that in many ways he taught us all how to live, always keeping a positive attitude and being more concerned about those around

him than himself ... We have been completely amazed to experience the impact Cody has had on so many people, through the journey that this wondrous racehorse has taken us all on."

*'The Bond: Two Hearts-One Spirit'* has the beating heart of an incredible story - a story of friendship, resilience, and the extraordinary power of a shared bond between a young man and his very special horse.

*Their story will now live on for the ages through this beautiful monument by artist Jocelyn Russell, and it is our hope that everyone will not only feel their Bond, but experience an incredible Bond of their own.*



# A Monument Honoring the Horse/Human Connection

*Angels Without Wings, Inc.* (AWW) is a 501 (c) 3 corporation dedicated to honoring and supporting people and organizations that do great work helping people that are less fortunate, and helping animals in need. AWW also honors and celebrates the bond that people have with animals, and the relationship between Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish symbolizes this bond like no other. They both are true Angels Without Wings.

Our mission also honors those animals that have served our country on the war and home front with Monuments, Medals, and a future traveling Museum that will teach history through the eyes of the animals. We raised money through our DBA *Sgt Reckless Memorial Fund* for three monuments by artist Jocelyn Russell - including one at the Kentucky Horse Park - to honor the great United States Marine Warhorse, SSgt Reckless, and our DBA *Animals in War & Peace* has been giving Medals of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medals to animals that have served our country since 2019.

**THE MONUMENT:** *"The Bond: Two Hearts-One Spirit"* by artist Jocelyn Russell: Young Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish had a very special Bond. When Cody's Wish placed his head into the lap of Cody Dorman - not once, but every time they met - it lit a fire in both of their hearts. With this monument, we want everyone to experience that same feeling and connection.

People in wheelchairs will be able to roll up under the nose of Cody's Wish and place their hand on his nose and look into the eyes of a very special horse. On the wall behind them they will emulate the iconic picture of Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish. Others who are not in wheelchairs will also be able to feel the spirit of The Bond as they stand alongside or in front of the bronze monument and touch the chin and look into the eyes of this beautiful horse. (Please see Jocelyn's other magnificent work at [www.wildlifebronzes.com](http://www.wildlifebronzes.com).)

**LOCATION: Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY:** We will be placing Monument #1/5-8 (Edition # to be decided by completion in bronze) of *'The Bond: Two Hearts - One Spirit'* by artist Jocelyn Russell at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) in Lexington, KY. The KHP welcomes over one million visitors a year, and is the home of the Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, an organization that is dedicated to enriching the community by improving the quality of life and the health of children and adults with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs through therapeutic activities with the horse. This monument will be a destination site at the Park.

**Specific Site at Park:** Next to Champion Drive and up from the Big Barn and Big Barn Road, in a beautiful grassy area across the street from the Event Stabling barns and paddock near the Hall of Champions.

**Monument Design & Materials:** Cody's Wish is made of bronze. He will be life-size and stand almost 17 hands high. He will stand flat on the ground.

**Two Etched Granite Walls:** Two black granite walls will be featured in the Plaza (4.6' x 5', 4.6' x 6'). The image wall will have a life-size etching of Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish's iconic photo of Cody's Wish placing his nose into Cody Dorman's lap. On the backside facing the street will be the title, "The Bond, Two Hearts - One Spirit."

The other wall will tell the story of their bond. Also on this wall will be the Sponsors & Donors who made the monument possible. On the backside of this wall will list the amazing accomplishments of this incredible Thoroughbred, as well as tell the story of the importance of the diamond shape - from the diamond on Cody's Wish's forehead, to Bill Mott's insignia, and the importance it held for Cody in his young life.

**Plaza:** The cement plaza surround will be oval shaped and roughly 28' x 34', and in the center of the plaza will be stamped a large diamond shape. There will be a beautiful wall bench along the hillside and several benches in front for wonderful seating.

A separate **bronze plaque and stand** will tell the story of Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish in Braille.

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On behalf of Angels Without Wings, Inc., may I say that we are so very excited to have this opportunity to place this incredible Monument - *'The Bond: Two Hearts - One Spirit'* - at the Kentucky Horse Park. I hope you can find a way to support and join us as I know you will be as proud and honored as we are to pay tribute to not only this unique horse/human relationship, but also help others feel the same healing connection in some small way.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this proposal further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kindest regards,



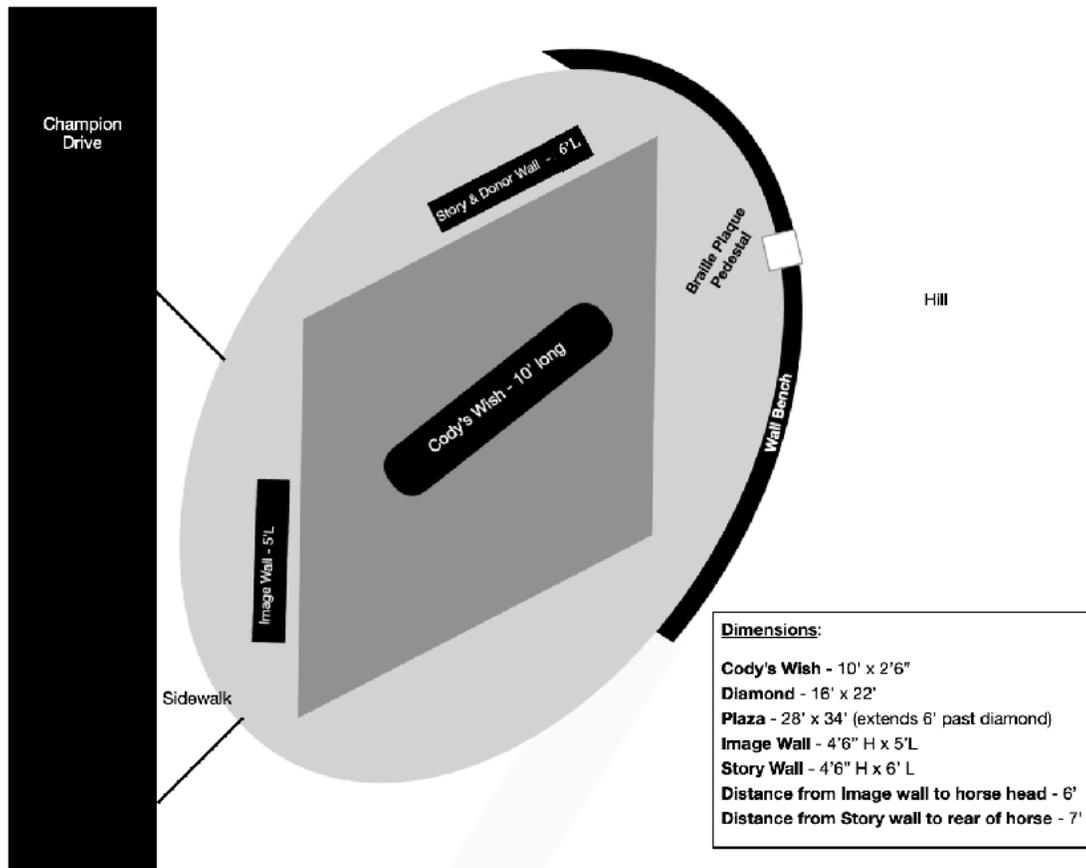
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# 'The Bond' Monument

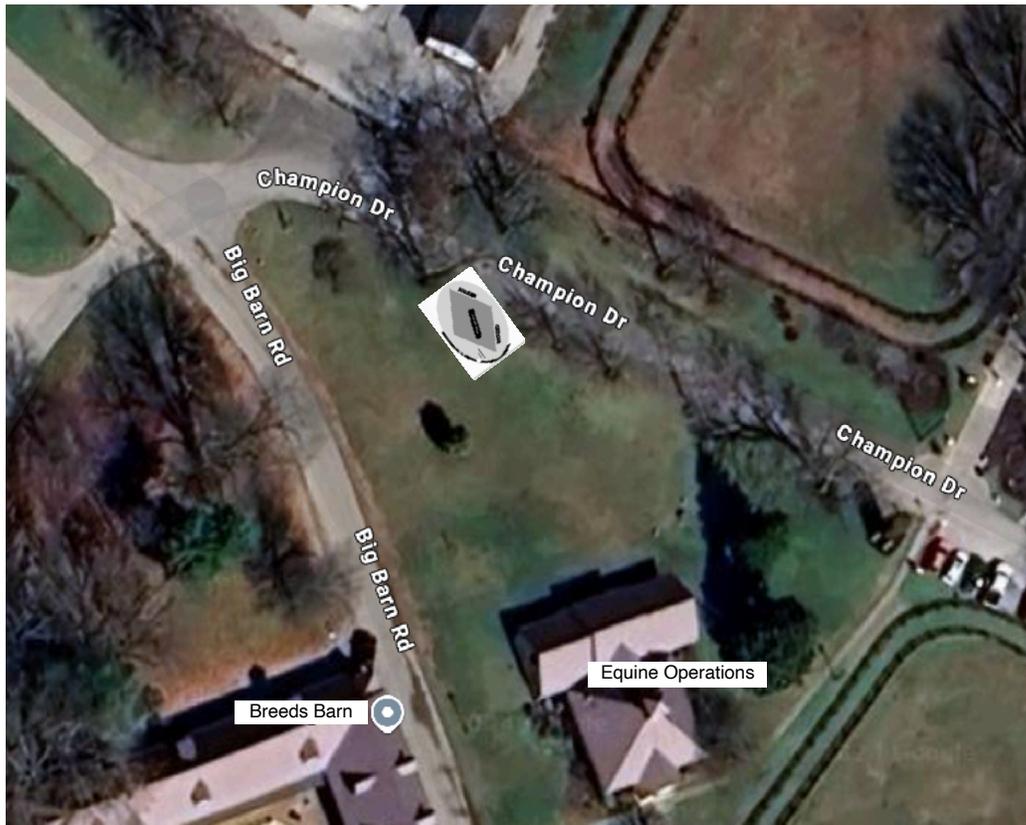
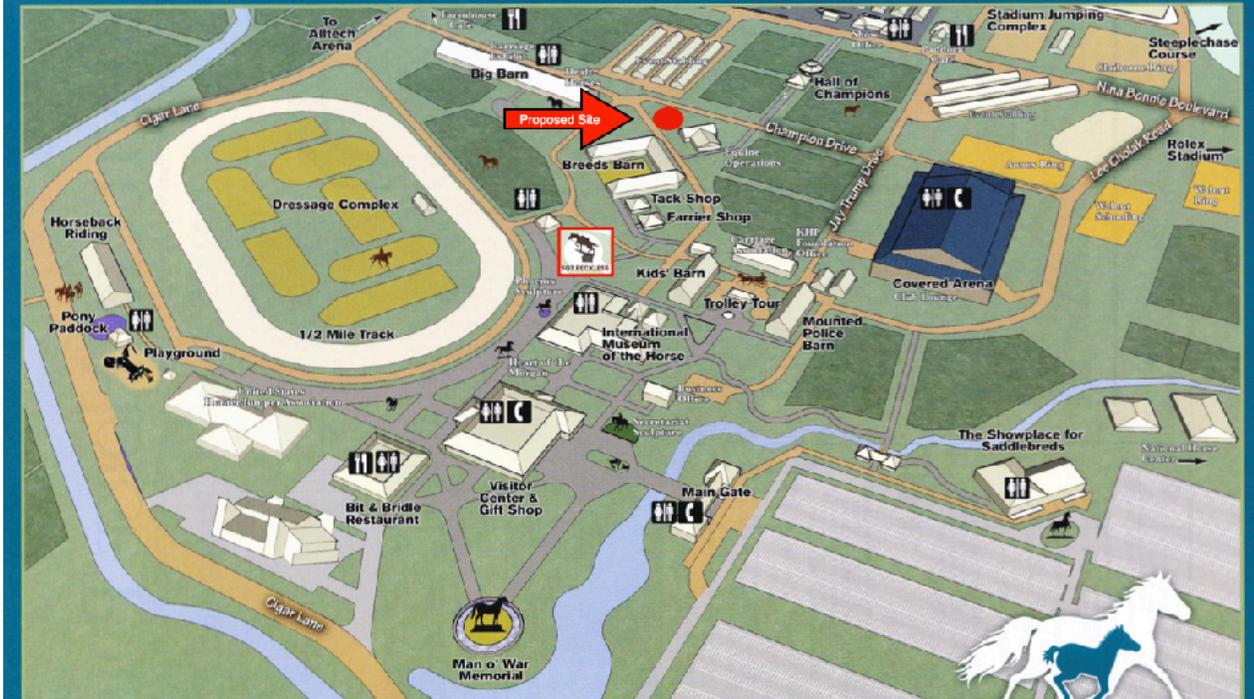


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## 'The Bond' Monument Plaza - Aerial View



# KENTUCKY HORSE PARK



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# Cost to Build Monument

## Monument # 1: Kentucky Horse Park

<b>Estimated Total Cost for Monument</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>
Bronze Monument Design & Foundry Costs	\$200,000
2 -4.6'x5' Granite Walls (etched, double-sided) - Installed	\$35,000
Site prep, Cement Plaza/Sidewalk/Wall Bench Installation of Bronze	\$25,000
Shipping & Delivery (various stages)	\$10,000
\$2,500 - Cost of crate and shipment of foam to Artist	
\$2,500 - Shipment of foam with clay to foundry	
\$5,000 - Delivery of the bronze monument to the site	
Bronze Braille Plaque (1) and Stand - Installed	\$2,500
Benches (2)	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,500</u>

**Total for Monument: \$275,000**

Every donation is tax-deductible through our 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, Angels Without Wings, Inc. Every donation, no matter how large or small, will also receive a "Certificate of Thanks and Appreciation" and posted on the Donor Wall on the Cody's Wish Monument website ([www.CodysWishMonument.com](http://www.CodysWishMonument.com)) and on the Angels Without Wings website ([AngelsWithoutWings.org](http://AngelsWithoutWings.org)).

For donations of **\$5,000+**, you are guaranteed **placement on the Donor Plaque** - size and order of placement dependent on size of donation and secured upon receipt of donation (see enclosed plaque).

However, we are also taking *pledges* at this time which saves one a spot on the plaque, however not the actual placement. One can convert their pledge into a donation at any time, but actual placement is secured when the donation is received. Donors can sign a pledge (enclosed) which secures their spot on the plaque.

All donations can be made payable to Angels Without Wings, Inc.  
You can also donate through PayPal or by credit card on our Store at [store.SgtReckless.com](http://store.SgtReckless.com).

# Donation Levels

Every donation, no matter how large or small, will receive a “Certificate of Thanks and Appreciation” for your kind and generous support of the Monument to Cody’s Wish and Cody Dorman. Every donation is also tax-deductible through our 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation, Angels Without Wings, Inc..

On the Cody’s Wish Monument website ([CodysWishMonument.com](http://CodysWishMonument.com)), we will also be posting the names of contributors alphabetically (unless you do not want your name listed) under the appropriate level.

## **Donors: \$1-\$4,999**

(Listed alphabetically on website and where contributors are published.)

## **Bronze Donors: \$5,000+**

(Listed on plaque and the higher donations in this level will appear at the top of the level on the plaque. Listed alphabetically on website.)

## **Silver Donors: \$10,000+**

(Larger size than the Bronze Donors on the plaque, and the higher donations in this level will appear at the top of the level on the plaque. Listed alphabetically on website.)

## **Gold Donors: \$25,000 +**

(Larger size than the Silver Donors on the plaque, and the higher donations in this level will appear at the top of the level on the plaque. Listed alphabetically on website.)

## **Platinum Donors: \$50,000 +**

(Larger size than the Gold Donors on the plaque, and the higher donations in this level will appear at the top of the level on the plaque. Listed alphabetically on website.)

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We are registered with the State of Kentucky to solicit donations: KY Registration # 8109

# Angels Without Wings, Inc. Pledge

## *Monument #1: Kentucky Horse Park*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby pledge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_ )  
to Angels Without Wings, Inc. (AWW) to build the Monument of Cody's Wish and Cody Dorman at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY.

By pledging \$5,000 or more, I am securing my spot on the Monument's plaque, however, actual placement on the plaque will be determined by order of receipt of the actual funds. If my pledge is \$10,000 or more, I will be considered a Silver Donor, \$25,000+ is a Gold Donor, and \$50,000+ is a Platinum Donor and placement will be determined by size of the donation.

I can convert my pledge at any time, or when asked by AWW to do so. When asked by AWW to convert my pledge into a monetary donation, I will have fourteen (14) days to complete the transaction. If after the end of fourteen (14) days I have not converted my pledge into a monetary donation, I will lose my place on the plaque, and it will be given to someone else. I understand *my donation is also tax-deductible*.

I have the right to back out of this pledge at any time with absolutely no obligation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreed to and signed:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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