

Artist's rendition of the KHP monument

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Cody saw Cody's Wish with the breeder, Cap Dirt Mills at Keeneland in 2022. He traveled to Santa Anita with his parents, Kelly and Matt, and sister, Kait. In the 2022 Dirt Mile, watching from the winner's circle as Cody's Wish capped his career with a thrilling victory. The following day, November 5, 2023, Cody Dorman finished his race. With his death came an immeasurable sadness, those close to him were comforted by the fact that he was there for his horse right to the end.

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**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

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.)

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’x6’). 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.” Underneath the title will be an etched quote in young Cody Dorman’s handwriting, “Never Give Up! — Love, Cody Dorman”

The other wall will tell the story of their incredible bond on the front. On the backside of this wall will list the amazing accomplishments of this incredible Thoroughbred, and a photo of Cody's Wish winning a race. Also on this side of the wall will be the Sponsors & Donors who made the monument possible, 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 round shaped and roughly 34' in diameter, 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.

We have set a dedication date of Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

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

Kindest regards,



Robin Hutton
President, Angels Without Wings, Inc.

[A Note from the DORMAN FAMILY](#)

On behalf of our family, and especially Cody, we want to extend our gratitude to everyone involved in making this monument at the Kentucky Horse Park a reality.

The first stones to be laid for the foundation of this incredible memorial were unknowingly placed at the time, by a very special young man and a very special horse six years ago at Godolphin's Gainsborough farm when a then unnamed five-month-old foal placed his head in Cody's lap.

The ride that Cody & Cody's Wish has taken us and so much of the world on since then still leaves us in amazement each and every day. Their enduring friendship and love for each other was and always will be a divine example of perseverance and determination.

Our hope for this monument will stand not only as an inspiration but an example that you can conquer the mountains that lie in your path especially when you have love in your heart for everyone around you. This above all, is the message that Cody and Cody's Wish gave us, they made each other better. And as we all watched, we became better ourselves. God bless and thank you once more for your support now and throughout this journey.

— Kelly, Leslie, Kylie & always Cody. 

[DAN PRIDE, Chief Operating Officer, Godolphin:](#)

“Godolphin is thrilled to support The Bond project at the Kentucky Horse Park. Cody's Wish has touched the hearts of thousands and this memorial will ensure the journey will continue for years to come. We are grateful to the Dorman family for letting so many of us join them in honoring their son, Cody.”

[LEE CARTER, President, Kentucky Horse Park:](#)

“The relationship we share with the horse is special. It can raise our spirit and improve our well-being. There is no better example of this than the bond between Cody Dorman and Cody's Wish. Creating the monument “The Bond: Two Hearts – One Spirit” will celebrate this special relationship. We are honored to place this monument at the Kentucky Horse Park as a reminder that our life can be lifted up, by a horse that leans down.”

Jocelyn Russell - Artist

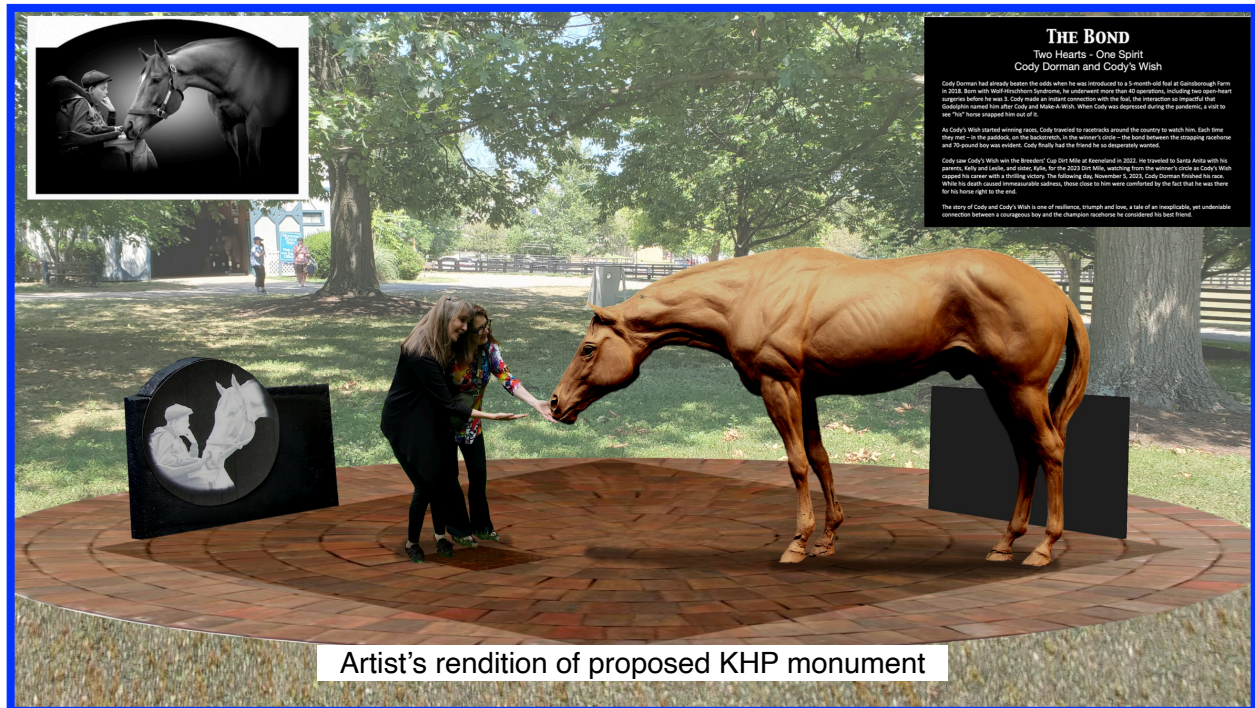
Jocelyn Russell is a renowned American sculptor specializing in monumental bronze sculptures of wild and domestic animals. A Signature and Board Member of the prestigious [Society of Animal Artists](#) (serving also as a judge), she is actively involved in conservation efforts to protect wildlife and their habitats.

Notable commissions include the heroic war horse Sgt. Reckless, a series of life-size animals for the Audubon Zoo including elephants and a pride of lions, and the iconic racehorse Secretariat. Russell's most recent life+1/2-size Secretariat monument (21' long) was dedicated in Lexington, in October of 2019 and Ashland, VA in March 2024, and she is currently contracted for three more Secretariat monuments. With over sixty monuments installed in public and private locations, Jocelyn's dedication to her craft has led to numerous public and private installations across the United States and internationally.

For further information about Jocelyn Russell and her artwork, please visit her website at jocelynrussell.com.



'The Bond' Monument



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Copy for the Story Wall

by Paul Halloran, Author of *Cody: A Boy, a Horse and a Wish for Life (Coming Soon!)*

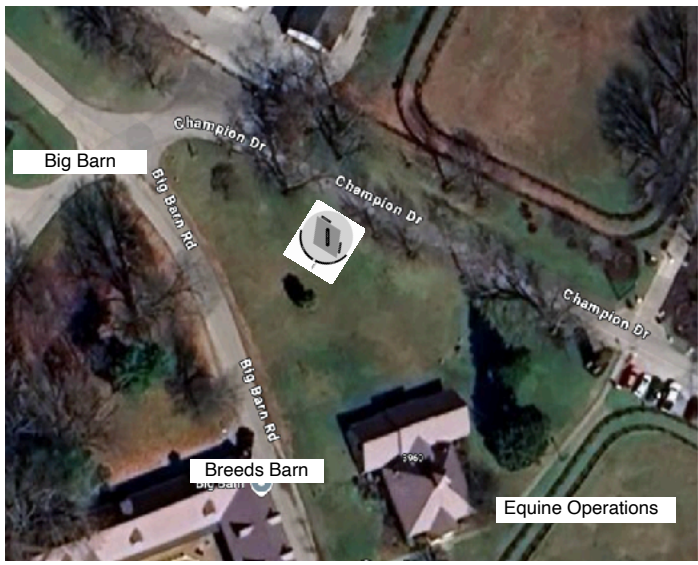
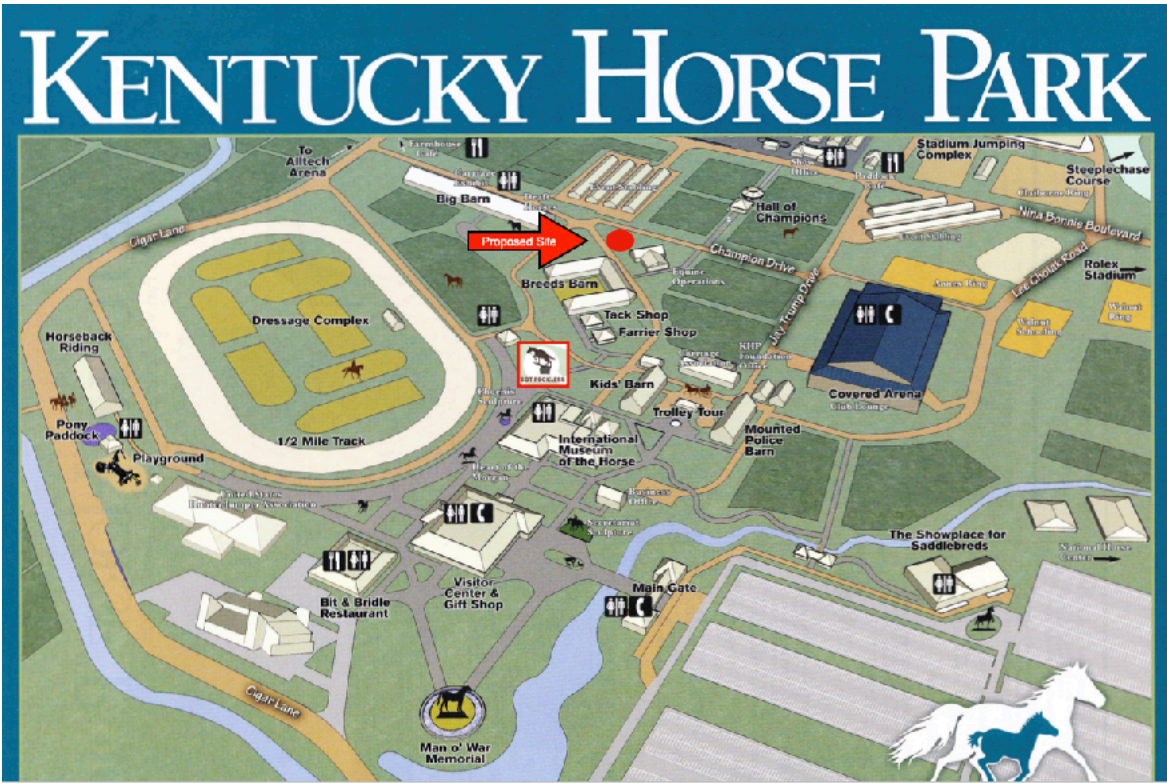
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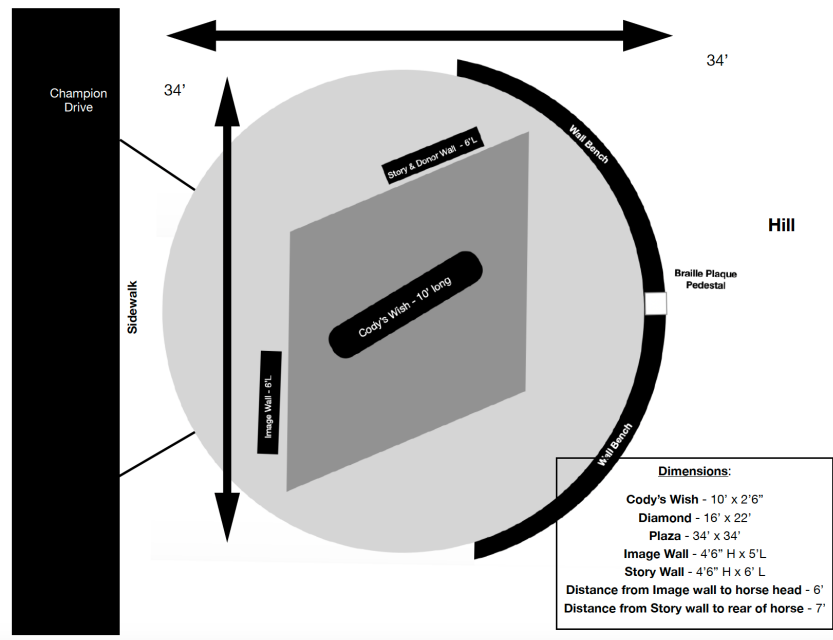
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'The Bond' Monument Plaza Aerial View



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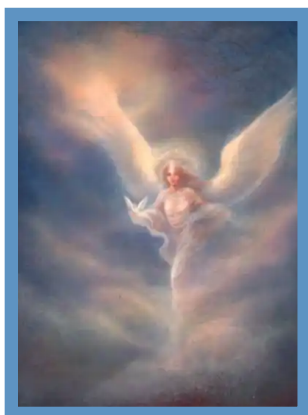
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Angels Without Wings, Inc. (AWW) is a 501 (c) 3 corporation has spent the last 15 years dedicated to honoring and supporting people and organizations that do great work helping people that are less fortunate, and helping animals in need. AWW also celebrates the human-animal bond and the inspiration animals bring to our lives, 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. Six monuments now stand across America to honor this incredible hero.

Our DBA *Animals in War & Peace* has been awarding Medals of Bravery and Distinguished Service Medals to animals that have served our country since 2019. We also spearheaded the placement of two monuments to the USMC war dog, MWD Lucca K458, also by Jocelyn Russell.

Each of these programs under the AWW umbrella contributes to its overall mission of educating the public, raising awareness, and spreading hope, inspiration, appreciation, gratitude, and love.



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Cost to Build Monument

Monument # 1: Kentucky Horse Park

Estimated Total Cost for Monument	\$275,000
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) and on the Angels Without Wings website (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.

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), 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 +

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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:

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