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In Support of "A Day in the Country for Kids" Project

I write in enthusiastic support of Voice for the Horse's project to bring children and horses together, "A Day in the Country." As a retired educator, I have always believed that widening the range of children's experience into areas which are not readily available or accessible in their everyday lives is paramount in developing broad-minded and compassionate young adults with strong moral centers.

This is a facet of pedagogy which has gained currency in these modern times, and is no longer regarded as a mere adjunct to forming young minds, but as an essential part of the learning process. "A Day in the Country" proposes what is virtually a full-spectrum learning experience which comfortably situates students in an environment, not only unique and exciting to them, but able to deliver discoveries on every level which they will benefit from as they go on to encounter different situations in their adult lives.

The opportunity to interact with, and be in the presence of, horses—a mammal whose service to humankind has been celebrated in our mythologies, religions, culture, history and literature, and has been our helpmate as agrarian cultures developed—is one which every child will cherish forever. Time and time again, the horse—whether used in hippotherapy or otherwise—has proven his worth as a resource for self-discovery, often enhancing a young person's self-confidence as well. I believe that Ms Allen's vision captures his worth and utilizes it exceptionally well in this project with children.

I encourage you to join with me in supporting this excellent project, Yvonne Allen's brainchild, which is certain to provide untold benefits to our youngsters.

Sincerely,

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