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

This letter is to add my strong support of the Voice for the Horse Project "A Day in the Country." As a former Children Who Have Witnessed Abuse Counselor, I worked with children of all ages and saw excellent success in my small sphere in providing visits to local farms and opportunities to spend time with animals, particularly horses and therapeutic riding. I have seen children with extreme behavioral problems become calm and relaxed in the presence of horses, able to follow direction where perhaps they could not previously and have seen an aura of calm follow those children long after the day was over.

Modern children are so out of touch with the natural world; yet, in order to develop qualities such as kindness, caring, empathy, curiosity and compassion, it becomes more and more important to expose them to sentient beings other than those they are seeing through technology.

Yvonne Allen's "A Day in the Country" will ensure that such experiences are available to all children. I know from my own experiences with horses as a child that horses and children have a natural kinship, that being around horses hones the skills of living in the present moment, paying attention and working in "partner" relationship.

I cannot over-emphasize the value of Yvonne Allen's vision of this program. I have pledged my own support for it and I hope that you will also join us in making it a reality for future generations.

Sincerely,

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