

Help Us ~ Help You

WE NEED YOUR HELP! As most of you know, the Washington County Horse Show Classics was formed 5 years ago with the intention of revitalizing the show grounds. We have renovated so much, but there's SO MUCH LEFT TO DO! The changes were made so YOU would have a great place to show your horses and have lots of fun making lasting memories.

We have great sponsors that continue to give to this program. However, it has been a very expensive project: new announcers stage, new sound equipment, new electrical system, bathrooms, painted and, in general, cleaned up the area. All of this was done with sponsorship monies and by lots of GREAT volunteers. Most people think that the Washington County Fairgrounds are owned by Washington County, VA - THIS IS NOT TRUE! We are a Non-Profit governed by a board of 24 directors who are all volunteers. None of these volunteers receive any money, it's all done out of the goodness of their hearts & a strong sense of community. In the past 5 years, we have lost sponsors without gaining any new ones due to the floundering economy – therefore, donation money is down.

This is where the **Help Us ~ Help You** program comes in. We have heard complaints about our payouts, and we understand your concern, but at most shows they do not need repairs or new builds. Therefore, they are able to give the winners higher payout. All of our sponsorship money goes to build or rebuild the show grounds. This leaves us ONLY the \$5.00 gate fee and the \$10.00 class entry fee to run this show which includes paying for a judge, buying ribbons, and the class payout, which we wish was more.

We have had a suggestion that we ask for your help, so we are asking. We are asking for you, the participants, to get sponsors for your classes. You can get as many as you please so the payout of your classes will be determined by you and the others in your class. Payouts can be unlimited. We will have our payout with your added monies. Please get out there and ask anyone that you think will help you – your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors and maybe businesses that you do business with. Please look at our list of sponsors and please do not ask them because they are already doing their part to help revitalize the show grounds.

A quick review of how this will work. You as the participant will raise money to add EXTRA money to the payout in your class(es), this money will be distributed between the 1st through 4th place. The donations must be in increments of \$10.00 (For example they may donate \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00 and so on). However, they may donate UNLIMITED amounts. You can have unlimited sponsors per class. Fill out the sponsorship form on the back and turn it in. Monies or Checks made payable to Washington Co. Fairgrounds, with the form must be turned in to: **Angie Anderson at Countryside Realty, 436 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210 no later than 2 weeks prior to the show(s)**. We must have time to get all monies entered into the correct classes for payout. As many of you have asked what you can do to help grow this show, this is it!

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