## FRIEND RAISING Sharing the Passion



Making your local Pony Club & the National Organization Financially Viable

## Why Pony Club?

The mission of the United States Pony Clubs is: The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports.









#### FUND RAISING REALITIES





Fundamentals & Misconceptions

#### You Must Have a Plan!

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- Needs of the moment vs long range goals
- Identify your costs Where will donations go?
- Identify your supporters
- Keep Good Records

# Who makes a good friend of Pony Club? How to broaden your base!



- Members
- Legacies
- Individuals
- Corporations
- Community



Volunteers = Donors
Donations = Any Amount

## Each person in your club knows more people than they realize!



Start with people you already know then add to the list

## How to turn your "friends" into donors:

- Make people feel invested
- Keep new friends involved with "feel good" events
- Build Bridges partner with the community
- Alumni open houses
- "Meet & Greet" activities with prospective members
- Communicate your needs
- Find out your "friend's" interests
- Say Thank You
- Keep in Touch



## Take some preliminary steps before asking for help

- Get to know your potential donors well invest them emotionally long before you ask for money!
- Find out what each donor really cares about and tap into that
- Take them to see first hand what you do
- Ask how you can help them!
- Let them know how much previous gifts have meant
- Even if the folks you talk with are not interested in donating, ALWAYS ask them if they know anyone else who might be interested in Pony Club.

# Follow-up Follow-up!



# The Local Club & the National Annual Fund



How do we help <u>everyone</u> while building for the future of Pony Club?

#### Let's do a little brain-storming!





### QUESTIONS???





