



Barrington Hills Farm sponsored a sunflower sale in August to benefit HARPS.

Fields of Gold

A SUNFLOWER SALE HELPS HARPS KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT

SOMETIMES I FIND IT DIFFICULT to find greatness and moral progress in today's world. When I listen to the news, 99 percent of what's reported is negative, if not downright barbaric. Chronic violence, conflict, and hatred seem to take turns dominating the headlines. Rays of light are rare. Have we humans lost the will and way to make right what is obviously so wrong?

Renowned humanitarian Mahatma Gandhi stated that a true commitment to nonviolence must include the animals. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" is a well-known quote attributed to him. At HARPS, we agree.

While reviewing the pages of our 100 past issues of HARPS magazine, HARPSTRINGS, I see a testament to the loving and generous people who have unhesitatingly opened their hearts and stables to the countless numbers of animals in desperate need. The history of humane, positive action, of "greatness" and "moral progress" is documented in those magazine issues, and it is the members and volunteers who have made that history possible. HARPS' mission has been carried out for more than four decades and we are still going strong today.

The work of HARPS has included tackling the abuse of horses on a larger scale and in commercial horse industries—including the inhumane

treatment of Tennessee Walking Horses, as well as the illegal drugging and abuse of race horses. By partnering with key people and targeting research in these areas, writing books, turning to "60 Minutes" for TV coverage, and networking, we have made an impact over the past several decades. But there are still rule breakers, and much work to be done. We did not stop then, and we will not stop now.

What inspires us to keep up the good fight is being able to look back and see the positive and hope-filled outcomes of our battles for the humane treatment of all hooved animals. Thanks to Barrington Hills Farm for this

special event, and everyone who supports our mission.

The Hooved Animal Rescue & Protection Society (HARPS) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that was founded in 2001 by Donna Ewing, one of the nation's best-known and respected rescuers of abused and neglected horses and other hooved animals. Visit HARPSonline.org, or call 847-382-0503 to donate, or for more information. U



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Andrea Zweig



Keli McDermott and Natalie Laudick donated proceeds from a Kendra Scott jewelry sale at the event.



A visitor dresses for the occasion.



HARPS' rescue ambulance.



Sisters Kailey and Kendall Knoop.



Emily McHugh atop Star visits with the Mallen family.



Atlas and Argo get in on the fun.



The Fox River Valley and Massbach Hounds members ride to hounds during the sunflower sale in support of HARPS.



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Barrington Hills Farm is 700 acres of pristine, undeveloped land located at Haegers Bend and Spring Creek Roads in the northwestern most corner of Barrington Hills. The rarity of Barrington Hills lies in its open space, fresh air, clean water, and abundant wildlife. The land is precious and delicate and in constant need of stewardship to keep it that way.