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StandFast Alliance and Rising Starr Horse Rescue Announce Groundbreaking Partnership: StandFast Equine

May 8th, 2025 – StandFast Alliance, a passionate advocate for safety, preparedness, and resilience, is proud to announce a transformative partnership with Rising Starr Horse Rescue, a dedicated nonprofit committed to saving and rehabilitating at-risk horses. Together, they are launching **StandFast Equine**, an initiative designed to provide equine-assisted services that support Veterans, Active Military, First Responders, Corporate Team Building and Occupational Therapy.

StandFast Equine will harness the healing power of horses to aid individuals through carefully designed equine-assisted learning programs. This initiative aims to foster resilience, confidence, and well-being in participants while opening the world of horses.

"StandFast Alliance has always been committed to proactively empowering individuals and communities through preparedness and resilience training. This partnership with Rising Starr Horse Rescue allows us to expand our mission by integrating the incredible therapeutic benefits of horses," said Eve Bucca, Executive Director and Founder of StandFast Alliance.

Rising Starr Horse Rescue, known for its compassionate approach to rehabilitating and rehoming neglected and abused horses, sees this collaboration as an opportunity to give these equines a renewed purpose. "Horses have an extraordinary ability to connect to human emotions and provide a nonjudgmental space for healing," said Kelly Stackpole, Executive Director and Founder of Rising Starr Horse Rescue. "Together with StandFast Alliance, we're creating a safe and supportive environment where people can build trust, overcome challenges, and find hope."

StandFast Equine will offer a range of programs, including guided equine interactions, resilience training workshops, and specialized learning sessions led by certified equine assisted learning facilitators and expert equine specialists. These services will be available to individuals and organizations looking to improve energy management, leadership skills, and emotional resiliency.

The launch of StandFast Equine marks a significant step forward in leveraging the powerful bond between humans and horses to foster healing and growth. For more information about StandFast Equine, upcoming programs, and how to get involved, please visit www.risingstarrhorserescue.org or contact Kelly at 203-257-8345. Or visit www.standfastalliance.org or call Eve at 914-588-6157

About StandFast Alliance StandFast Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safety, preparedness, and resilience in individuals and communities. Through training, education, and strategic partnerships, StandFast empowers people to face life's challenges with confidence and strength.

About Rising Starr Horse Rescue Rising Starr Horse Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that saves, rehabilitates, retrains, and rehomes abandoned, neglected, or abused horses. Through equine interactive programs, we educate the public about at-risk horses and the importance of protecting them. By giving America's horses a second chance at life, we give the community the chance to experience the love, patience, and compassion horses have for humans.