



December/2009

Greetings!

Pounding the Pavement to Raise Awareness!



The month of December had our volunteers going out in the El Dorado Hills business community with our newsletters and brochures to raise awareness about what The Grace Foundation does.

A special thanks to all you volunteers who were willing to step out of your comfort zone - without stepping out of your boots. There wasn't a high heel in the group!

If you would like to share our cause with others in your community, please come by or call the ranch at 916-941-0800 and ask for Linda or e-mail Linda@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org.

We'll get you set up with some brochures or arrange for a visit to your chosen organization.

Come See Dozer January 9th!



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We are so excited that the Holidays are here! A New Year will be upon us soon, and there will be much to do. Beth will be sending out a letter next week detailing the plan and calendar for the New Year.

What we do know is that you, our volunteers are what makes Grace work and so we are grateful and excited to have Sharon Meriam in her new role as Volunteer Coordinator! Please read her note below, and think about how you might contribute to the Grace Foundation.

Without our volunteers and donors, Grace would not be where it is today. We wish you all the best this Holiday season and we thank you for giving yours!

A note from your new Volunteer Coordinator

Hi wonderful volunteers!

I'm happy to announce that I have accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Grace Foundation. What that will mean to you, as a volunteer, is that you will have someone you can come to with any issue surrounding your experience as a volunteer.



Some of my goals as coordinator include: implementing a volunteer recognition program, improving communication between volunteers and staff, and numerous other exciting changes to improve the volunteer experience.

For those of you who do not know me, I have been a volunteer at The Grace Foundation for almost 3 years. I have been in the horse world for 20 years and currently own 2 miniature horses. I have had the pleasure of working with many of you as a Team Leader and as the Head Team Leader this past year.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts about volunteering at Grace.

Sharon Meriam
E-mail: sharon@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org

Saturday, January 9th - 3 reasons to save the date

- 1. With the normally scheduled new volunteer orientation falling on January 2nd, we have decided to push it to the following Saturday, January 9th at 9:00am.
- 2. We're hosting an Open House for the Ride & Shine volunteers and students on the 9th at 10am.
- 3. Dozer will be there!

We can use some extra help that day. If you're available, please contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Meriam!

E-mail Sharon@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org or call her at the ranch 916-941-0800.

Saturday, January 9th. If you're interested in adopting Dozer, please come by and say Hi!

Otherwise, his foster mom's name is Jean. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a visit, please give her a call at 916-768-9968.

The Shirts are HERE!

These super comfortable long-sleeve shirts have arrived. They have the Grace logo on the front and the word "Volunteer" on the back.

The shirts are unisex, so women should order one size down. They are available for pick up at the ranch, or online for delivery.

Our Price: \$25.00

S & H: \$4.95

For delivery orders, go to www.thegracefoundation.com and click on the "Merchandise" button.

Holiday Greetings from Axel!

Hey everyone at the Grace Foundation. Its me Axel! I just wanted to wish you guys Happy Holidays! My new family loves me so much, I got a new warm blanket that I wear every night and cookies and carrots every day!

They call me Chance now, but I like that name. Helga (my mom) spends lots of time with me everyday. She even sits on my back where I started training. I also went to the dentist the other day. Now I chew a lot better! Life has been good, thank you guys for saving me. I'm sending a picture that I took of myself for you guys.

Helga & Doug had to help 'cus I couldn't hold the camera right. I couldn't have asked for better parents! Happy Holidays everyone!!!

Love, Chance, Helga, And Doug



Ernie's Burger Night Fundraiser to Help The Mustangs!

One of our volunteers, Dave Fulton has organized a "fun-raiser" for the Mustangs at The Grace Foundation.

Ernie's Burger of Folsom, located at 707 E. Bidwell St. in Folsom, is hosting a fundraiser on **Wednesday, January 27th from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a burger, fries and shake.**

Ernie's will donate proceeds from ticket sales. We have 250 tickets and need your help to sell them! Please come by the ranch to pick them up.

It will be great exposure for Grace, a great meal and lots of fun! Click on the link to Ernie's website and check them out!

<http://erniescoffeeshop.com/index.html>

Stay tuned for our next update from Beth in 2010!

Sincerely,

The Grace Foundation of Northern Califor< nia

Nothing Says Merry Christmas like a "Skitty"

Please Take Skitty Home!



We're sorry to bother you again, but we have a last minute plea. As many of you know, we took in a kitty named Skitty whose owner had to move out of the country. At the time, she had not been around other animals, so we recommended that she go to a single animal house. Now that she's had a few weeks at the ranch, she is acclimated to other animals and is a wonderful cat. She loves people and would do fine with other dogs and cats in the house.



Recently, she got out and we thought we lost her to the coyotes. Although she used up a couple of her 9 lives, she is back! Not having a home is making her depressed.

So, if any of you have room in your heart and your home for a wonderful "Skitty" that truly deserves a second chance, please let us know. Beth can't bear that "Skitty" spend Christmas by herself. So, if anyone would be willing to take her as a little something under the Christmas tree, we would be so grateful.

Please respond to the e-mail and help Beth to not have to add one more animal to her already overcrowded home.