



A Quiet Example

Steve and Kathy Headley, of Bloomington, Indiana, quietly but passionately support many causes inside and outside the horse industry.

“Their involvement is across all disciplines, from Indiana Quarter Horse Association to the Halter horse community, to AQHA and NSBA as well as locally with Riley Children’s Health at Indiana University,” noted Lynn Campbell, NSBA Foundation development director. “They have also done a lot of ‘matching grants’ to spur activity and while Steve is ‘the face,’ Kathy is quietly beside him and equally important in this work that they do. They are so happy to do it, with no expectation of anything in return. Individually, we can give based on our ability of time and resources—but the Headleys have really taken that beyond an individual gift.”

The Headleys engagement with so many groups and different topics sets the tone for others to get involved and to maximize their giving. They seem to partner well with others, to advance the cause at hand and are true examples of servant leadership. Whether setting an initial challenge to a larger group, or jumping in to match something that is being done, they are active, they are aware, and they contribute—and, they give quietly. At the end of the year, many people take time to become more aware of the needs around us, but the Headleys give all year and on multiple fronts.

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Taylor Foster, 2018 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen, echoed these sentiments. “Steve and Kathy Headley are not only my friends, but they are two of my biggest role models,” she said. “The Headley family is just what (the horse industry) needs! I cannot thank Steve and Kathy enough for their generosity this year as I represented Indiana in the Queen’s Contest, and for always supporting not only me, but this amazing association that I get to represent.”

JUST TO START

Kathy noted of the couple’s giving nature: “My parents taught me to have a servant mentality, reinforced through church, when approaching any situation. You give

what you can. It does not always have to be financial, maybe giving time, a kind word, a step up to someone. Many times, a kind word may change someone’s day or life.

“I always get back more than I give, and it can be addictive in a very good way. Giving to someone else gets me out of ‘myself,’ makes me stop dwelling on negative things, helps me see the good in both myself and others.

“The way to get started is just to start. It does mean having to take a chance and put yourself out there a bit. It can be as simple as donating money or time to a local organization. Know that it does not have to be a lot—just something. Know that you cannot and should not control the reception of someone to your gift; you can only control that you gave it. I have been very blessed in my life and have a responsibility to pass on those blessings when given the opportunity.”

In this season of giving, please consider a donation to the National Snaffle Bit Association Foundation. Giving can be as simple as going to smile.Amazon.com to make your Amazon purchases or going to www.nsba.com to make a donation. Whether you give time, talent or treasure, please consider giving to the NSBA Foundation during the holidays or any time during the year! ■



Steve and Kathy Headley, at right, present the Grand Champion Stallion award at the 2018 All American Quarter Horse Congress.