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NAPLES EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE ANNOUNCES ARTHREX AS CHAMPION SPONSOR

(Naples, FL, Sept 23, 2014) – Naples Equestrian Challenge (NEC) announced today that Arthrex has become its Champion Sponsor with a generous three-year financial commitment to NEC's existing programs and events as well as a substantial donation to NEC's Barn Raising Capital Campaign that will fund its much needed expansion.

“We are proud to support and partner with Naples Equestrian Challenge as the organization's mission aligns well with Arthrex's overall commitment to the health and well-being of our community,” said Lisa Gardiner, Arthrex spokeswoman and a member of the Arthrex Charitable Committee.

Arthrex already helps further NEC's mission through Arthrex Vet Systems, which manufactures treatments for conditions that often affect NEC's therapy horses, such as arthritis and soft tissue injuries. For the last few years, a representative of Arthrex has regularly visited NEC to administer the Arthrex ACP and IRAP II injections to the NEC therapy horses that need them.

“Without Arthrex's commitment to and compassion for NEC's therapy horses, NEC would never be in a position to afford these highly beneficial treatments,” said NEC Executive Director Kim Minarich. “The Arthrex ACP and IRAP II injections ensure that our horses can comfortably carry out their therapy work with our riders with special needs.”

The ACP treatment delivers a high concentration of plasma rich platelets to soft tissue injury sites, increasing the amount of growth factors which help the injury heal. The IRAP II is an anti-inflammatory therapy that blocks one of the major inflammatory substances the body releases in the event of injury or arthritis.

“Having Arthrex as a Champion Sponsor goes above and beyond the critical support they already provide and we couldn't be more grateful,” said Minarich.

ABOUT NAPLES EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE

Established in 1995, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Inc. (NEC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with the mission to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs. With a dedicated staff and group of volunteers, NEC, a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Premier Accredited Center, provides therapeutic riding and other equine-assisted activities and therapy programs to more than 500 participants each year. Through donations and sponsorships, the organization is able to provide this vital therapy to those who need it most, regardless of income level. For more information, visit www.NaplesEquestrianChallenge.org

ABOUT ARTHREX

Arthrex is a global medical device company and leader in new product development and medical education in orthopedics. With a corporate mission of helping surgeons treat their patients better, Arthrex has pioneered the field of arthroscopy and developed more than 8,000 innovative products and surgical procedures to advance minimally invasive orthopedics worldwide.

Arthrex continues to experience unprecedented growth and demand for our products throughout the world; however, we remain a privately-held company with a family business culture that is committed to delivering uncompromising quality to the healthcare professionals who use our products, and ultimately, the millions of patients whose lives we impact.

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