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Part of the proceeds from the upcoming "The Day of the Horse" seminar with RFD-TV personality Dennis Reis will benefit Horses for Hope, a Uhrichsville-based not-for-profit organization of equestrian survivors of cancer and other catastrophic illnesses dedicated to celebrating horses as partners in healing and hope.

The seminar will be held Tuesday at Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard. Seminar topics will include "Herd Dynamics," "Invisible Round Pen," "Two Minds in One Direction," "The Big Red Ball," "The Magical Ride," and "The Ultimate Trust."

Tickets can be booked through Horses of Hope at a cost of \$36. Call Horses of Hope

founder Linda Hren at (740) 922-2490 or e-mail hrenli@ixpres.com for discount information.

Booked in advance single tickets are \$65 and at the door tickets are \$100. Children age 12 and under are free. Tickets can be ordered by telephone by calling (800) 732-8220. Mentioning Horses of Hope will ensure the discount price and that Horses of Hope receives a portion of ticket proceeds.

Reis, who lives at Penngrove, Calif., is certified by California to train mounted police and their horses. His training methods focus on building a partnership between horse and rider that is safe and rewarding for both.

In 2002, he launched an ef-

fort to establish the second Saturday of December as California's Day of the Horse. Reis is traveling the country to build support for a National Day of the Horse by presenting seminars and collecting signatures to be presented to Congress.

Anyone interested in signing the petition in support of the National Day of the Horse can visit www.reisranch.com for details or contact Hren.

Hren said she believes the therapeutic value of horses is of equal importance to the more tangible historic and economic gifts horses have given to the United States.

A cancer survivor, Hren knows firsthand about horses being partners in healing. Hren's two years of cancer treat-

ment included high-dose chemotherapy, radiation and two autologous stem cell transplants.

"My horses were my lifeline and I discovered that many other horse lovers had the same experience," she said. "Horses of Hope is the result of our desire to give something back to the horses that helped us and share the experience with others who may not have easy access to horses by raising funds to support equine rescue and therapeutic riding programs."

In July, Horses of Hope awarded grants to Seven Pines Foundation at Newcomerstown and Great Promise Therapeutic Riding Program at Coshocton.