



SOUTHWEST

# The Gift of Harmony

*Theresa Moore goes from owner to breeder to developer of Harmony Training Center*

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What started as a couple of extravagant gifts has prompted a lifelong passion for horses for Harmony Training Center owner Theresa Moore, who became involved in Thoroughbred racing and breeding through the most unlikely of connections—her dentist.

It's not every day that the man who works on your smile buys you a horse. But such was the case with Moore's daughter Stacey, whose wedding gift from Dr. Warren Center was a weanling filly from the first crop of his stallion, Kipling.

"We thought it was a joke," remembered Moore, a former schoolteacher, who now operates Harmony near Inola, Okla., and races horses with her husband, Joe, a retired auditor for WalMart. "We knew (Center) had gotten into horses, but when he gave my daughter the (foal registration) papers, I said, 'Warren, don't you think that's a tad over the top? I have a house with a backyard that won't accommodate a horse.' He said we could sell her or just see what happens."

At her daughter's urging, however, Moore wound up racing the horse with her in partnership, and as the cliché goes, the rest is history.

The wedding gift filly, which Moore and Stacey appropriately named Diva Bride, was Kipling's first foal to go to the track. After winning her career debut at Remington Park in 2004, Diva Bride became the start of a new addiction. Needless to say, Moore's craving was strengthened the following year when Center gave Diva Bride's full sister to her other daughter, Diana.

"We named her Kipling's Diva," said Moore, who resides in Freedale, Ark., and races horses in Oklahoma. "She ran as a 3-year-old at Will Rogers Downs, broke her maiden there, won two other times, and was horse of the meet there in 2006. So at that point do I have to tell you we were hooked?"

Moore eventually acquired her daughters' interests in the two fillies and then went into partnership with her father, Claude Harris, on another horse. It didn't take long before she also decided to delve into the breeding business, keeping a handful of mares at Center's Mighty Acres near Pryor, Okla.

Approximately eight years after Moore got involved in the industry, her trainer Mike Peel began complaining there weren't enough stalls in Oklahoma to accommodate all the racing stock in the state.

"He said we needed a training center in Eastern Oklahoma, around Tulsa near Will Rogers Downs," Moore said. "The one at Blue Ribbon Downs had just closed, and his point was there weren't enough stalls in that location where they had access to a training track."



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Claude Harris (left) with Theresa and Joe Moore at Harmony Training Center near Inola, Okla.

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1	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2008	119/28	1/2	1/1	(Man of Strife, \$114,000)	\$816,478	567	17	0.89	1.00
2	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$5,000	71/26	3/4	1/3	(Speedacious, \$101,940)	\$808,577	*271	14	1.54	1.35
3	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	64/18	1/1	1/1	(Shezacrazygirl, \$90,000)	\$577,630	457	15	1.25	1.12
4	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	58/13	1/1	1/1	(Kissimmee Kyle, \$74,940)	\$461,646	*412	9	1.04	1.15
5	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	71/16	0/0	0/0	(Diva's Gold, \$44,270)	\$345,471	*234	5	1.13	1.15
6	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	64/14	0/0	0/0	(Da Da Da Dum, \$54,000)	\$345,180	*532	13	1.11	1.10
7	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Millennium Farms at Moon Lake	\$2,500	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Warshaw, \$60,370)	\$344,356	*132	2	1.03	0.96
8	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Circle H Farms	\$3,500	25/9	2/2	2/2	(Cat's Production, \$74,300)	\$339,606	66	5	1.74	1.10
9	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	40/8	2/2	1/2	(Loranger Native, \$88,600)	\$335,425	*360	15	1.27	1.19
10	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	Pnsd	52/17	0/0	0/0	(Eli's Deelite, \$38,600)	\$323,271	*552	23	1.19	1.44
11	MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Tonto Too, \$53,110)	\$314,105	166	10	1.15	0.99
12	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	47/11	1/1	1/1	(Sneaking Uponyou, \$53,515)	\$289,597	*261	5	0.92	0.99
13	K ONE KING (96, Apalachee), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,250	30/10	1/1	1/1	(One Pretty Penny, \$60,300)	\$277,038	139	2	0.80	0.97
14	LAKE AUSTIN (97, Storm Cat)	Died, 2007	37/6	0/0	0/0	(Cotile Lake, \$85,560)	\$241,451	145	3	1.00	0.90
15	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	41/10	1/1	0/1	(Smokey Lonesome, \$35,400)	\$229,539	*170	2	0.91	1.06
16	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Green Bikini, \$39,090)	\$223,572	206	3	0.93	0.97
17	EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	41/9	0/0	0/0	(Onda Fast Track, \$26,940)	\$210,042	117	1	0.76	1.03
18	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano), Landlock Equine Center	Died, 2010	29/8	0/0	0/0	(Pretty Not, \$34,400)	\$195,800	329	22	1.37	0.96
19	WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2009	24/8	1/1	1/1	(Why Wear Shoes, \$76,150)	\$193,714	85	1	1.11	1.02
20	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitory), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$2,500	35/13	0/0	0/0	(Bootprints, \$21,680)	\$189,838	324	7	0.81	1.34

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"I got home and started thinking about it. To me, in any business, the keys to the real successes you see out there are people that find a niche and are able to capitalize on it. That's what I believe we found. There



was a need here, and the need was stalls at a facility that had a training track."

After searching, Moore found 80 acres of land for sale near Inola, which is about 30 minutes from both Fair Meadows in Tulsa and Will Rogers in Claremore, and an hour and 20 minutes from Remington Park in Oklahoma City.

"It's off a major highway, it's quiet and

peaceful, and it's the hay capital of the world," said Moore. "Also, it has a nice pond, and it's flat. And we said, 'Maybe this is where we're supposed to be.'"

Hoping her intuitions were correct, Moore took the plunge and purchased the property she would later name Harmony Training Center. After deciding she wanted to build four barns instead of two, however, she began searching for partners that would invest in her facility.

"I put a partnership together with some very clever people, and they crunched numbers and said, 'If you're in for a penny, should we go to a pound if the return is greater?' So what started out as a training track that was five furlongs ended up being one that's six furlongs with a chute that accommodates Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds. We also have two round pens, a dorm office, and we're looking at putting in a Eurocizer."

Considering the facility broke ground only a year ago, Harmony Training Center has come a long way.

"It's been a huge challenge, but I really believe we've found a niche," said Moore. "I'm sure people thought, 'Can these guys from Arkansas pull this off?' But now we're starting to get the phone calls, and it looks like we're probably not going to have any stalls left, and I'm in amazement. Part of this was prompting from my trainer, but it's



CHARLES STANSELL PHOTOS

Harmony Training Center is 80 acres and about an hour and 20 minutes from Remington Park

# 2011 Leading Sires in Oklahoma

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1	<b>OMEGA CODE</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	69/15	0/0	0/0	(Green Glory, \$28,500)	\$252,467	243	4	0.72	1.30
2	<b>MALABAR GOLD</b> (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	38/11	0/0	0/0	(All the Love, \$45,600)	\$219,457	*237	4	0.69	1.12
3	<b>EVANSVILLE SLEW</b> (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	44/12	0/0	0/0	(Devils Tower, \$23,590)	\$216,746	*460	31	1.16	0.94
4	<b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	43/14	0/0	0/0	(Wishful Tomcat, \$32,250)	\$208,013	449	23	1.14	1.30
5	<b>DIAMOND</b> (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	20/4	1/1	0/1	(Movin' Out, \$108,400)	\$147,828	264	6	1.16	1.10
6	<b>DANCE MASTER</b> (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	39/8	0/0	0/0	(Henshin Hero, \$18,759)	\$144,375	212	7	0.90	1.11
7	<b>LUCKY LIONEL</b> (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Sooner Luck, \$16,935)	\$135,214	307	12	1.23	1.28
8	<b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	35/10	0/0	0/0	(Okie Blonde, \$21,181)	\$112,705	336	17	1.23	1.09
9	<b>CONGRESSIONALHONOR</b> (01, Forestry), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Honor's Selection, \$32,120)	\$101,177	115	0	0.48	0.94
10	<b>BOLD ANTHONY</b> (90, Bold Ruckus), Pendergraft Farm	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Miss Daisy Do, \$21,290)	\$70,118	200	3	0.58	0.96

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still mind-boggling to me that the demand is so great for what we have to offer."

Harmony, a year-round facility with 160 stalls, is owned by a partnership that includes Moore and her husband; Center; and 12 other investors. "They were willing to take a stab and see what happens," said Moore, who has already overcome several challenges with running the facility, including dealing with more than four feet of snow last winter.

"Another challenge everyone faced was that we were given four or five months' time to buy the land, design the track, have barns built, and get it up before the horses had to leave the Will Rogers facility at the end of the meet," said Center, who explained that Will Rogers had not run a mixed Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse meet this year and therefore dozens of horses would have had nowhere to go had Harmony not been built.

"It put a little pressure on the ownership group to find the employees to design (Harmony) and find a contractor to build the barns," said Center. "We still were in the process of building barns and getting the track fine-tuned and ready when we opened and started taking horses. In reality, the facility didn't really get going until around the first of this year."

Center said 2011 will be about learning how much of a demand there is in Oklahoma for a facility such as Harmony, where trainers pay a day rate for stalls. Depending on its popularity, Center said there is an option to build up to three more barns, which would increase its stall capacity to 300.

Moore's day-to-day life is always in flux, as she and her husband travel to Harmony from one to three times a week.

"We have an owner's suite that we attached to the main office, where if we go to Remington to watch horses run we can stay (at Harmony) on the way back," said Moore.

General manager Sue Vogler oversees the workforce and deals with trainers directly, while Moore serves as general manager of the Harmony partnership. In that role, Moore handles all the accounting, bills, and payroll so Vogler can focus on other client-related matters.

"I do the dotting of the i's and crossing of the t's," said Moore. "And if one of my horses is in a race, I'm almost always there. Remington is the farthest I'm going to drive, which is three hours. Mighty Acres is on the way, so if I have a new baby I want to see, I just incorporate it with my trip."

Although Moore retired from teaching 20 years ago, she is still involved with non-profit organizations and as a consultant helps people set up private family foundations.

"Unless there's an emergency situation with the horses, I can work it into my schedule; it's not a 9-5 job," said Moore, who completes all business-related matters from her home in Arkansas.

In spite of the struggling state of the Thoroughbred industry

and the economy as a whole, Moore said the Oklahoma market is booming. She credits part of her good fortune in the business to the refurbished Remington Park, which has recently increased its purses.

"The caliber of racing there is unbelievable," said Moore. "But if you pick up the magazines, that is not the trend; (Oklahoma) is absolutely bucking the trend. I also like to think that we are servicing the industry (by building Harmony). A training center was a need, and we're getting in there and helping the horsemen."

It may seem as if Moore has had a lot of early luck in the racing end of the industry, but it's clear she has diligently done her homework in terms of choosing the matings for her mares.

## The Mighty Acres - 2011 Stallion Roster

Proven Sire Lines ~ Proven Female Families  
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### AIR COMMANDER

Point Given - Santaria, by Star de Naskra - \$2,000

- Santa Anita G2 winner on synthetic, earning \$248,680.
- Son of Horse of the Year and Champion 3yo POINT GIVEN.
- Half-brother to G2SW/young sire MEDALLIST.
- Dam is a G1-performing SW of \$266,937.



### RA RA SUPERSTAR

Deputy Minister - Miss Ra He Ra, by Rahy - \$1,500

- NYRA mile winner out of G3SW MISS RA HE RA (\$302,833).
- By a proven sire of sires.
- Superb family of sires MACHO UNO and AWESOME AGAIN.
- From his first 2 starters, sire of stakes-placed Ra Ra Pentell!



### SAVE BIG MONEY

Storm Cat - Tomisue's Delight, by A.P. Indy - \$2,000

- Stakes performer on dirt, turf, and synthetic, Won \$230,934.
- Full brother to G1SW miler MR. SIDNEY (\$486,875).
- Son of STORM CAT, sire of 2010 leader GIANT'S CAUSEWAY.
- Dam is a full sister to Horse of the Year/leading sire MINESHAFT.



### THE VISUALISER

Giant's Causeway - Smokey Mirage, by Holy Bull - \$1,500

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2	<b>FATHER STEVE</b> (99, Pulpit), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	37/8	0/0	0/0	(Cathywithac, \$34,725)	<b>\$193,460</b>	99	0	0.65	0.81
3	<b>MIDWAY ROAD</b> (00, Jade Hunter), Trophy Club Training Center	\$750	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Proudroad to Glory, \$20,700)	<b>\$141,652</b>	65	0	0.72	1.13
4	<b>ILE ST. LOUIS</b> (CH) (97, Hussonet), Bello Vita Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	6/3	1/1	1/1	(Chief Jay, \$71,800)	<b>\$137,022</b>	42	1	0.75	0.91
5	<b>HESABULL</b> (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	15/3	1/1	1/1	(Bulindamarie, \$35,548)	<b>\$91,343</b>	114	5	1.08	1.16

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1	<b>DESERT GOD</b> (91, Fappiano), A & A Horse Ranch	\$6,000	41/13	3/3	3/3	(Desert Gamble, \$89,400)	<b>\$561,032</b>	214	19	1.36	0.69
2	<b>GHOSTLY MOVES</b> (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	47/11	1/1	1/1	(Shemoves, \$93,600)	<b>\$430,358</b>	200	19	1.20	1.08
3	<b>THATSUSINTHEOLBEAN</b> (94, El Prado)	Died, 2006	23/12	0/0	0/0	(Max Bean, \$49,290)	<b>\$305,383</b>	60	4	1.08	0.72
4	<b>ROLL HENNESSY ROLL</b> (00, Hennessy), A & A Horse Ranch	\$4,000	30/10	2/2	2/2	(Roll Bloomers Roll, \$64,783)	<b>\$299,245</b>	77	3	0.84	1.15
5	<b>DEVON LANE</b> (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$2,500	45/12	0/0	0/0	(Santo Bueno, \$41,100)	<b>\$287,004</b>	379	16	0.84	0.79

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"I read everything I can get my hands on and ask a lot of questions of people on the farm and my trainer. I want to know why, because there's always a reason," she said, adding that she sometimes consults with a bloodstock agent in Kentucky.

When selecting a stallion, Moore closely examines her broodmares to see what has

complemented them in the past. "My philosophy is to come up with the best genetic match or complementary nick, but also to ask myself what am I breeding for—to race, sell, or both? And if all things work out perfectly, what's my best opportunity for a profit? That's how I determine if I stay in Oklahoma or go to Kentucky. I look at the market and the auction results, and what (a stallion's) offspring has done on the track. It doesn't necessarily have to be running in the Breeders' Cup; a horse can

make you a lot of money and never win a stakes race."

Moore has bred her mares to Kipling several other times due to the success of her first two Kipling fillies, and one of the resulting foals, Miss Kipling, won Remington Park's 2010 Oklahoma Classics Lassie Stakes and Oklahoma Stallion Fillies Stakes en route to being named the race-track's champion 2-year-old filly.

In partnership with her father, Moore keeps five mares at Center's Mighty Acres, including Diva Bride, whose first foal, Jealous Ellis (by Ocean Terrace), is named after Moore's granddaughter; Our Liebling, the dam of Miss Kipling; Cherokee Diva, a stakes-placed daughter of Kipling; and Sephora, who is from the same female family as Aragorn. The latter mare just produced her first foal, a colt by Dunkirk for which Moore has high hopes.

Moore makes sure nearly all her horses are foaled in Oklahoma due to the state's breeding development program, which offers substantial rewards to breeders whose horses finish first, second, or third in eligible races.

"I love getting a check from the state of Oklahoma when I have a horse that hits third or higher, and I like the fact we have restricted races that only Oklahoma-breds can be in, and that the maiden special weights for 2-year-olds at Remington were



The track at Harmony is six furlongs with a chute

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## 2011 Leading Sires in Texas

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1	<b>VALID EXPECTATIONS</b> (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$7,500	60/23	2/2	2/2	(Going Away Baby, \$62,845)	<b>\$516,424</b>	544	41	1.34	1.24
2	<b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	36/9	0/0	0/0	(Expect a Flyer, \$24,509)	<b>\$175,844</b>	138	6	0.94	0.92
3	<b>PINE BLUFF</b> (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm	N/A	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Up and Out of Site, \$39,020)	<b>\$151,798</b>	*577	35	1.55	1.66
4	<b>TRULUCK</b> (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	22/6	1/1	1/1	(Truly Lucky, \$54,300)	<b>\$146,364</b>	167	3	0.76	0.73
5	<b>SEEKING A HOME</b> (98, Seeking the Gold), Rolling Oaks Farm	N/A	16/8	2/2	1/2	(Kite Seeker, \$33,058)	<b>\$143,442</b>	93	3	0.85	0.76
6	<b>CITY STREET</b> (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	33/6	0/0	0/0	(Classic Detonation, \$27,622)	<b>\$124,655</b>	120	3	0.55	0.90
7	<b>TOUCH TONE</b> (98, Pick Up the Phone), JEH Stallion Station-Texas Division	\$1,000	13/6	1/1	1/1	(Hidden Recipe, \$63,000)	<b>\$114,529</b>	85	1	0.68	0.73
8	<b>WIMBLETON</b> (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$1,750	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Prince of April, \$43,500)	<b>\$112,569</b>	76	2	0.80	0.80
9	<b>MARKED TREE</b> (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2006	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Lac Valentine, \$39,500)	<b>\$103,087</b>	395	8	0.67	0.67
10	<b>SUPREME CAT</b> (00, Hennessy), Bullard Farms	\$1,000	13/6	1/1	1/1	(Tin Top Cat, \$35,200)	<b>\$101,651</b>	52	2	1.81	0.94

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## 2011 Leading Sires in Arizona

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1	<b>TOP HIT</b> (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	N/A	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Montellano, \$33,700)	<b>\$145,335</b>	48	5	1.13	0.91
2	<b>ROCKY BAR</b> (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	N/A	23/9	1/1	1/1	(Sheshimaintenance, \$24,820)	<b>\$123,222</b>	51	8	1.60	0.80
3	<b>GOLDEN GEAR</b> (91, Gulch), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Died, 2009	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Circa'sgoldengear, \$49,168)	<b>\$104,535</b>	322	11	1.01	1.30
4	<b>BENTON CREEK</b> (93, Septieme Ciel), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	N/A	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Plantsite, \$10,406)	<b>\$70,737</b>	283	17	0.58	0.58
5	<b>DEPUTY WILD CAT</b> (99, Deputy Minister), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Whowhatwhy, \$12,228)	<b>\$68,199</b>	100	2	1.09	1.11

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\$32,000 last fall," said Moore, who currently has five horses in training. "There are a lot of races that don't come to that caliber and you could be running horses from anywhere, and we're only running against Oklahoma-breds.

"(The program) is attracting people to go out of state (to breed their mares) and come back because the purses are nice, and as a breeder, there's money set aside that's just added money."

Moore tries to ensure that when she sells a horse, it's to a person she knows will give that runner every opportunity to perform on the track.

"I'm willing to gamble that if he's right, we'll both get something out of it," she said.

The horse in which Moore currently has the highest hopes is her sole Kentucky-bred, a 3-year-old son of Artie Schiller named Royal Schilling, whom she had planned to sell before the horse industry plummeted in 2008.

"We're going to take him to Will Rogers and want to start him on grass," said Moore

of the gelding, who has won one of his four starts. "He's really been training nicely."

Moore is also high on a 3-year-old filly named Island Diva whom she called "a ball of fire." The filly is a full sister to stakes winner Hawk's Lil Sis, whom Moore also raced.

Though the Thoroughbred industry was far from the forefront of Moore's mind before racing Diva Bride, the sport captivated her as a young girl. Perhaps she just needed a push to get going. Either way, she proved it's never too late to immerse oneself in the racing game.

"I grew up being horse crazy as a little girl and always watched the Triple Crown races," said Moore. "I was caught up in the pageantry of the horses—the magnificence of the athletes involved. Even on TV, they take your breath away. When we saw one up close, it was even more majestic in person.

"I go in the barn and just talk to (the horses) and put a hand on them. Part of wanting to stay involved in the industry comes from my love for the animal. You

can't get away from the excitement. If they finish second or third and ran their hearts out, I get just as excited. If you watched them as a baby, you think, 'Oh my gosh, that was my baby. I remember when she couldn't even stand up.' There's a real pride watching them and knowing you contributed to their success."

Meanwhile, Center, the gift-giver who turned Moore's whole world upside down—in a good way—has continued encouraging others to enter the industry through his own generosity.

"I've given two other horses away, and both times the people have ended up having more horses and being involved in racing," said Center, who boards about 50 of his own mares at Mighty Acres. "Theresa and her family are friends and patients. I knew they had always thought about getting into the industry; they just needed something to nudge them into it. They have taken it and really run with it...they are really fun to watch, and they love the sport." 🐾