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Dear friend,

My name is Bonnie McRae, Founder and Director of the non-profit After The Races (ATR) - an organization committed to the rehabilitation and rehoming of retiring racehorses. Since our inception in 2011, we have served nearly 900 horses to new careers and new homes, but very recently we've reached a critical juncture in our mission.

I am writing to announce a new and urgent capital campaign, and we hope you will consider joining us in our efforts. On New Years Eve, our landlord delivered the news that the farm ATR calls home will be placed on the market soon. ATR has been renting farms for over 12 years, but we have truly felt "at home" on this property for the last six years. We are launching this campaign to SAVE OUR HOME and preserve a permanent location for racehorses in need upon their retirement from racing.

This is certainly a large-scale fundraiser with a very short deadline. The land owner is asking \$1,400,000 for the property. We will need a significant down payment to keep our loan installments within reason without endangering our daily operating budget. ATR currently has \$80,000 set aside for this purpose, and we have one very generous donor who has already pledged \$10,000 to start off our capital campaign. But we are in need of much more help to save our home and our program.

In addition to providing a PERMANENT home for ATR, purchasing the property will open up possibilities for expansion to include a dedicated rehabilitation facility for racehorses recovering from track related injuries. ATR would also be able to implement an internship program to promote education of future generations of horsemen and women. Both programs would only continue to benefit more horses over the years.

This campaign has a very short window as our landlord hopes to sell the farm this winter. Please consider making a donation or a pledge to donate a larger amount as we near our goal. Please help ATR not only save its current home, but help to establish a permanent facility that will continue serving retiring racehorses for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Bonnie McRae



Donations can be made by mail:

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Donations can also be made through our website:

<https://www.aftertheraces.org/donate>

Additionally you can donate through Venmo or PayPal. Please note that the donation is for the farm if you use this route.

Paypal: info@aftertheraces.org

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