

## Six WPRAs Barrel Racers Lend Images to "Saddle Up for NAM" Painted Horse Project

8/27/10



The Northwest Assistance Ministries serving north and northwest Harris County in Houston, Texas, announced in May that their newest fund raising project would be "Saddle Up for NAM." The project includes a number of life-sized, painted fiberglass horses with various designs and themes that are available now for sponsorship and will then be auctioned off during the Jeans and Jewels Gala on Oct. 16.

Artist and barrel racer Katherine Abbott first heard of the project from a friend at the Da Vinci Gallery in Tomball, Texas, which has displayed her artwork. The project was a perfect fit for Abbott who has been involved in the horse industry since she was little. Over the last 10 years she has been training and running barrel horses at larger jackpots and opens. Her goal is to get her WPRAs permit next year and fill it so that she can move into the higher ranks of the barrel racing world. Until then she will continue her work as an artist.

Abbott was one of the many selected artists for this project and she has painted her horse, "The Pro's" with the help of six very generous WPRAs barrel racers, who agreed to donate an image of themselves competing for this project. The individuals include Sharon Camarillo, Sherry Cervi, Lindsay Sears, Tana Poppino, Kay Blandford and Marlene McRae. Abbott first contacted Camarillo about the project through a friend and was thrilled to be part of such a unique project.



Each individual sent Abbott photos of themselves, which were then reproduced on the sides of the horse - three on each side. She plans to also reproduce their signatures by each likeness and include each competitor's personal brands on the horse along with the WPRAs logo.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be part of this project," says Abbott. "NAM is something Houston needs, and it is a big part of the city."



Once the horses are completed they are then put on display in Vintage Park in Houston or if they have been sponsored by an individual or business, then they may display that specific painted horse on their property (in the Houston area) for several weeks leading up to NAM's Jeans & Jewels Gala on October 16. For horses that have been sponsored for a price of \$10,000 or more, that horse will not be available for auction but all others will be auctioned off at the Gala, raising funds for NAM. "The Pro's" horse with the WPRAs members on it is still available for sponsorship and if a sponsor is not

found prior to the Gala, then it will be available for auction.

For more information on the project visit [www.namonline.org](http://www.namonline.org).

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- [8/27/10](#) - Brooksville, FL 9/24 - 9/25/10 has been cancelled.
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- [8/25/10](#) - Albuquerque, NM 9/16-9/25/2010 is now approved. [Click here for details](#)
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