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J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center Presents 2009 Gala “*SHE*Ananigans: A Night of Horseplay and Magic”

Laguna Beach, Calif. – The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center will hold its annual black tie gala on Saturday, June 20 at the Montage Resort & Spa in Laguna Beach.

An event highlight is the Michael Lewis Friends of the Disabled Award to be presented this year to longtime supporters Dave and Renee Ritchie and Dr. Richard Markell, DVM. The award is given in the name of the organization’s first rider - Michael Lewis - to individuals who set an outstanding example of community support, volunteerism and philanthropy.

Event co-chairs Debbie Martin and Toni Christiansen said the evening’s festivities will include roving performers on the picturesque Pacific Lawn during the cocktail hour and silent auction. Once inside the ballroom, the entertainment continues with live vignettes of magic and horse-play inspired performances throughout an elegant gourmet dinner followed by a spectacular live auction and dancing.

‘*SHE*Ananigans: An Evening of Horseplay and Magic’ begins at 5:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$400 and include valet parking and complimentary beverages throughout the evening. Sponsorship and table opportunities are available on a limited basis. The Montage Resort & Spa is located at 30801 South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach.

One of the largest therapeutic riding centers in the country, the J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs. The privately funded Shea Center was founded by social worker Fran Joswick in 1978 and currently serves over 500 clients annually with over 70 varying disabilities.

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