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## **SHEA RIDING CENTER MEETS \$850,000 KLEIN FAMILY CHALLENGE YEAR-END FUNDRAISING GOAL**

***Funds will Complete Phase 2 and Construction of Family & Education Center***

**San Juan Capistrano, Calif.** - The donation that pushed the matching total over \$850,000 came in by phone just before midnight on New Year's Eve. In September, at the annual BBQ, Shea Center supporters Jenny and Bill Klein had made a \$1 million donation and issued an additional \$850,000 challenge grant. That began the race to meet the December 31, 2007 "Klein Family Challenge" deadline. The Kleins made their donation specifically to complete the project's second phase with construction of the Family & Education Center.

"Meeting this goal and seeing the outpouring of support was one of the best gifts the Center could have received over the holidays," said Shea Center's Executive Director Dana Butler-Moburg. "This generosity, combined with the joy our clients get here each day makes a perfect end of the year and start to a new year."

Plans to expand and modernize the riding center began after a seven-acre land donation from the J.F. Shea Company in 2001. The center was then renamed, J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center. The first phase of the project included significant grading and underground infrastructure, two covered arenas, one open arena, a forty-stall barn, two round pens, a hot walker, a ferrier / veterinarian area and a public riding trail.

The Family & Education Center will provide modern facilities for physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, parent and community education resource areas, teaching and training rooms and facilities for instructors, staff and volunteers.

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 currently serves over 400 clients annually utilizing over 200 volunteers. Clients range in age from two to 75 and represent over 50 different diagnoses.

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