



## Arizona Blind & Deaf Children's Foundation, Inc.



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### Trail Ride to Benefit Deaf and Blind Children

(Tucson, Arizona)—The Tucson Sunrise Rotary has chosen Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation to be the 2009 beneficiary of the Los Vaqueros de la Tierra Trail Ride, according to Sandra Wahl, the local Rotary's Grant Committee Chair.

"The Foundation made a very compelling case for the work they do, and the children they serve when they presented to our group last Fall," Wahl said. "We're thrilled and honored to support such a worthwhile cause."

The Trail Ride, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, is scheduled for April 23-26. Each year, nearly 100 riders come from places throughout the United States to enjoy daily rides through wild and scenic parts of southern Arizona. Riders depart from the same base camp each day, with morning and afternoon rides available. In the evenings, participants enjoy catered meals, happy hour, casino night, dancing, and camp fire activities.

"We talk about seeing the West as it's meant to be seen—on horseback," says Wahl, adding, "And then there's even more fun to be had back at base camp in the evenings."

Fifty percent of net proceeds will benefit Arizona Blind and Deaf Children's Foundation, a statewide non-profit headquartered in Tucson. Founded in 2002, the Foundation's mission, *to invest in the future of Arizona's blind and deaf children*, is carried out through its focus in the areas of art, fitness, literacy and success skills. The Foundation creates and incubates new innovative programs, coordinates collaborative efforts, and provides funding for programs through up to four competitive grant rounds annually.

"Being beneficiary of the Trail Ride is a tremendous honor, and a very important opportunity for us during these challenging economic times," said Rita Weatherholt, the Foundation's Executive Director. Proceeds from the Trail Ride will be designated to the Foundation's fitness focus area.

For more information and to register for the Trail Ride and related activities, log on to [www.trailride.org](http://www.trailride.org).

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