

2014 Charity Race Night at Scioto Downs

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) presented Charity Night at the Races on August 14, 2014. Ten charities from central Ohio participated in the event that was hosted by OHHA. Participating charities included: ALS Association, Alzheimers Association, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Children's Hunger Alliance, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Ronald McDonald House and 4-H Youth Development.

The charities were grouped with an OHHA representative as their host for the evening. They enjoyed a meal in the clubhouse while enjoying an evening of harness racing. The charities shared their organization with their hosts as well as learned about the harness racing industry. Throughout the evening the charities were interviewed, giving the racing fans an opportunity to gain a better understanding of each organization. Information tables were also displayed for fans to stop by and visit.

Each of the charities was coupled with a horse and driver combination with a faux drawing used to assign the charities with a post position and horse that would represent their charity during the seventh race. The post positions were:

1. Darth Quaider- Central Ohio Parkinson Society
2. Pow Chicka Pow Pow- The Ronald McDonald House
3. Cyclops- The American Cancer Society
4. CC Big Boy Sam- The Arthritis Foundation
5. Milliron Pete- American Red Cross
6. Phantom Flasher- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
7. He's Got It- Children's Hunger Alliance
8. Giddy Up Binks- Alzheimers Association
9. Forever Kissed- 4-H Youth Development Organization
10. Raz Ma Taz- ALS Association

4-H Youth Development Organization went away with the big \$5,000 prize of the night as their horse Forever Kissed crossed the wire driven by Kayne Kauffman, with a career best of 1:54.

Second place was The Arthritis Foundation with CC Big Boy Sam with Jeremy Smith in the sulky.

The American Cancer Society came in for third with Cyclops, driven by Greg Grismore.

Fourth place with Giddy Up Binks and driver Dan Noble went to the Alzheimers Association and the fifth place charity win was Children's Hunger Alliance with He's Got it and Chris Page.

Based on where the horse finished, the charities were awarded prize money as follows: \$5,000 for the winner (first place); \$2,500 for second place; \$1,200 for third place; \$800 for fourth place. Charities with horses finishing fifth through tenth were awarded \$500. Each of the charities also received a \$500 bonus donation on behalf of Scioto Downs, which made the total each charity received as a donation of at least \$1000.