



## **Volunteering at the 2009 Celebrity Slide**

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On December 4, 2009 I had the opportunity to volunteer as an NRHyA youth chaperone at the 4R Performance Horses Celebrity Slide presented by RHSF to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oklahoma. The "Celebrity Slide" involved a group of celebrities who had the opportunity to compete in Reining after they had a certain amount of "coaching" time to ride and work with an NRHA professional reining horse trainer. The celebrities and NRHA Professionals were teamed with a "Make- A- Wish" child who worked with them as a "co-coach". As a youth chaperone, I was there to help the child and his or her family during the event. The youth encouraged and cheered for their celebrity when they performed their pattern. When US Marine and American hero Sgt. Danny New along with his coach, a decorated soldier, NRHA Professional Bryant Pace, were introduced everyone stood and cheered. I'm not sure there was a dry eye in the State Fair Arena.

As a chaperone, I escorted my team's family through several activities that included making Christmas ornaments, having a picture taken with Hollywood All Star, visiting with a cowboy artist, shopping at the trade show and just simply **having a LOT of fun.**

The 4R Performance Horses Celebrity Slide presented by RHSF to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Oklahoma give NRHA, RHSF and NRHyA a chance to show the world that we are more than just a reining horse association; We are a family that works together and plays together! We work hard to help make peoples' lives brighter and we get to play together every time we step up on our horses.

Participation in this event really opened my eyes to a new world. I am proud to be a member of NRHyA and consider myself lucky to have been a part of the 2009 4R Performance Horses Celebrity Slide.