



# *The Focus* is on the *Kids*

The annual Mile High Grand Prix took place on November 20, at the National Western Events Center in Denver, CO. The focus of the evening however, wasn't on the horse and rider pairs, although they were part of the focusing efforts. No, this event is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Denver Metro area.

The kids are treated to a dinner and a horse show, and, as part of the festivities, a photo contest is held. As in years past, HC editor Geoff Young conducted a photography workshop for the kids before the Grand Prix, and then armed with everything from disposable to full size 35mm cameras, the kids photographed the Grand Prix and the stabling areas. The three best photos from each of the eight area clubs were chosen and they are published in this issue of HC.

The idea to expose these inner-city kids to showjumping was the brainchild of Lambert Bunker, who, along with Gordon Smith, have

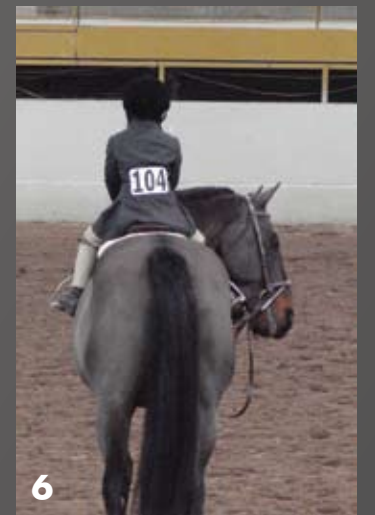
organized this event for the past several years. Tina Martinez, the Vice President of Program Services, has been responsible for coordinating all of the clubs participation, and the numerous volunteers, who chaperone the kids to the grand prix, have been instrumental in making this event a success.

Exposing kids to horses and photography is a wonderful combination, and the enthusiasm of the kids, each year, is truly heartwarming to see. This year 100 kids attended the photo workshop and grand prix, and HC is pleased to present the standout photos from this year's event.

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### The Boettcher Club

- 1. Amber Corbett, age 13, "Ghost Horse"
- 2. Keona Davenport, age 11, "The Brown Stallion"
- 3. Kristion Bell, age 11, "Hopping Horse"

### The Broncos Club

- 4. Rebecca Ricketts, age 12, "Hooves"
- 5. Michael Martinez, age 8, "The Flying Horse"
- 6. Cynthia Martinez, age 10, "Take Off!"

### The Commerce City Club

- 1. Estevan Moran, age 11, "Smile!"
- 2. Ninah Renfro, age 11, "Jump"
- 3. Felix Marrufo, age 12, "Profile"

### The Cope Club

- 4. Anastasia Lawrence, age 14, "Hungry, Hungry Horse"
- 5. Cynthia Martinez, age 10, "Take Off!"
- 6. Catalina Cordova, age 16, "104 Seconds of Growth and Success"



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### The Johnson Club

1. Elizabeth Castillo, age 15, "Undercover Horse"
2. Maria Castillo, age 17, "Main Attraction"
3. Rose Martinez, age 15, "Up Close and Personal"

### The Owen Club

4. Samuel Barrera, age 17, "Pretend Pegasus"
5. Giselle Cosme, age 15, "A Gentle Nudge"
6. Viviana Carrillo, age 16, "Airborne"

### The Shopneck Club

1. Daniel Young, age 18, "Grand Prix 1"
2. Daniel Young, age 18, "Grand Prix 2"
3. Daniel Young, age 18, "Grand Prix 3"

### The Wilfley Club

4. Celina Lewis, age 13, "Stay With Me"
5. Jahara Aden, age 10, "My Pony"
6. Cheyenne Jones, age 14, "Let me Out"