



## **Michael Richardson Benefit**

Please allow us to take a moment of your time to tell you about a friend of ours. Michael Richardson, who if any of you know him, also call him a dear friend.

Michael, at the age of 20, had an auto accident which left him a paraplegic. Prior to the accident, Michael was very active in all aspects of horsemanship. After the accident, he realized that to continue following his passion for horses, he'd have to evaluate, change his life, and begin again.

Michael not only was able to accomplish this for himself, but also successfully shared his knowledge and insight with hundreds of others. He has developed a unique perspective, due to his need to connect with the horse on a different level than the average rider.

Despite all of these challenges, over the years Michael has gained national recognition as one of the top clinicians and motivational speakers.

Unfortunately, Michael just can't catch a break. In 2006, on the way to DFW airport to conduct a clinic on the east coast, Michael was involved in an auto accident. This caused severe injuries to his lower back. He had to undergo numerous operations at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

If this wasn't enough, during his recovery period, unbeknown to him, he was bitten by a brown recluse spider. Assuming it was just an irritation caused by sitting in his wheelchair for extended periods of time, he tried to take care of it himself. On a check-up examination at the Mayo Clinic, they discovered that a spider bite had now caused serious tissue and bone damage. Several extensive operations followed in an attempt to rectify this.

Due to the removal of the infected tissue and bone, it has now caused another devastating issue. Michael is returning in November to the Mayo Clinic to undergo further surgery.

During these 27 plus months of constant medical attention, Michael has been unable to work. Consequently, we're asking you, if you can find it in your hearts, to help our friend over this extremely difficult time.

Our hope is to help Michael get "back in the saddle again" to bring his sensitivity and unique feel to horses and horse owners. The doctors at Mayo Clinic believe that if we can beat this thing, Michael could ride again. However, Michael knows that whether he will be on horseback or in his chair, he has a message and methods he wants to share to make our lives and our horse's lives just a little better.

We know that financial times are hard for everyone right now. But this is a guy who really needs our help. So no matter how small the donation, we promise it will be greatly appreciated.

A bank account and PayPal account have been set up to receive donations:

Bank Acct.: The Michael Richardson Benefit Fund, First National Bank of Hico  
account #: 1268275.

PayPal Acct. Name: The Michael Richardson Benefit Fund,  
[michael@brokenranch.com](mailto:michael@brokenranch.com)

Also, if you wish, you may write to Michael at the following address:

Michael Richardson  
P.O. Box 416  
Hico, TX 76457

A final note—if you have friends who you think would want to know what's going on with Michael, we'd love for you to forward this email onto them.

Thanks so much for your time.

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