

**The “All Heart” Campaign  
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I have made a decision to start a campaign called, The All Heart Campaign. The reasoning I have decided to invest my time and my heart is because of the enormous respect I have for the business of harness racing I grew up with and its people. It has given me, my family and my friends so much. It is time to give back. The goal of the campaign is to raise money and to find solutions to positively impact our industry. I will be having the first meeting of the "All Heart Campaign at my house on February 20, 2015 at 6:00pm. I need all your support if we are going to make a positive impact on seeing our industry begin to flourish again. I have some ideas and I know many of you do as well. Let's work together for positive change.

— *Laurie Ballard MacKenzie* —

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I agree this is about ( HEART ) and not all about how fast they where but Rain Train raced his whole career with lameness and broken bones BUT I be leave the best horse would be Marianas Trench would be the best candidate for the All Heart as she was born in Maine raced in the stakes in Maine then went to New York and won over 50 races and earned over a half million dollars as an Open Mare

also breaking track records with me driving lol !!! She raced her whole career with broken splint bones and nervicular. Her last race she jumped off the trailer and broke Pastern and still raced and finished 3rd that's heart. She now has off springs racing in Maine No Faultz etc She is 19 now but no more breeding because it's to hard on her .. Good Luck everyone

— *Bob Stevens* —



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Jason Bartlett- Jason's colors are red and white, with black piping. He has a deep red 'V' on his chest and back. On each sleeve there is a white diamond with the letter 'B' in them. His current helmet has his initials, as well as, a horseshoe on each side with each of our sons names in them (Kobe & Karter). Jason chose his colors because

they were the same colors his grandfather Richard Bartlett wore. He grew up in the business, learning the trade from his grandfather and mother. Jason drove his first winner, Geri's Beauty, in 1998 at the Windsor Fair, the track he grew up at. Jason left the State of Maine in 2007 to fulfill his life long dream of becoming a catch driver in New York.

— *Kristen Marie Bartlett* —



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My colors are Columbia Blue with Red and white piping. The colors were a spin off from my father's. He had "Mac" on each sleeve and I choose the letter "M" inside a diamond. My helmet has two horses with the Coat of Arms. I got my fair license when I was 16 back in 1969. Driving race horses was all I ever wanted to do. I used to spend the summers going from one fair track to the next. Back in the day everyone had race horses all around us in Plymouth, Alec and Beecher McAtee, Beryl Duni- van, Bob Ferry, Ken Gray, Edgar Hall. Our farm in Plymouth was buzzing with action as we were the only ones around with a half mile track. Our farm was the local gathering spot. I learned a lot of my horsemanship from my father who raced horses in the late fifties. He and his friends used to race their horses for fun on the ice. — *Laurie Ballard Mackenzie* —



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Red Bullet. They have got to have heart to race all the way to the end of their 14 year old year! Bullet had 41 starts his 14 year old year and even raced on the day of his retirement ceremony. Bullet hit the board in nearly half of his 14 year old starts. Bullet had over 50 wins in his career. Bullet is now starting a 2nd career as a riding horse where he will enjoy the beach, trails and some shows. He is one of the most big hearted classy little guys I have had the pleasure of having!

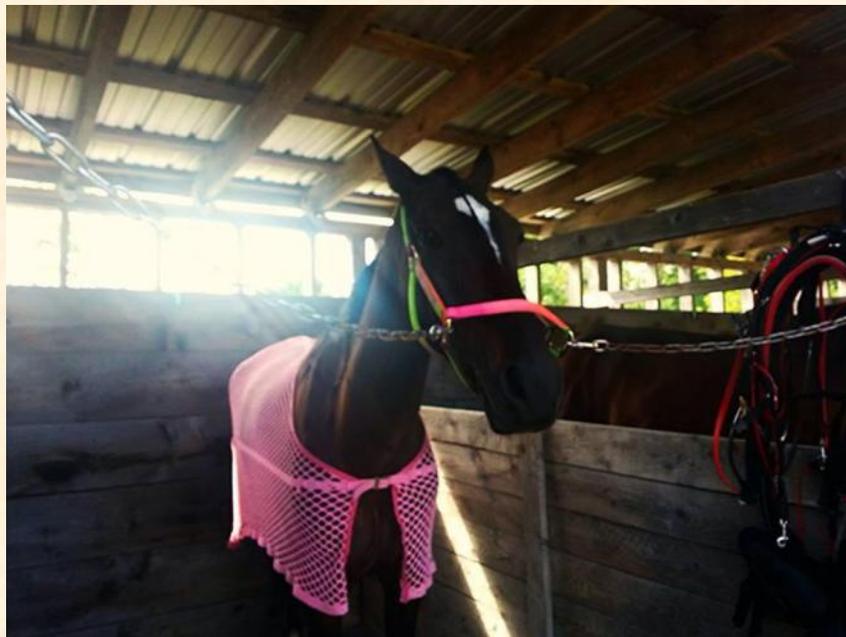
— *Jen Flanigan* —



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My boys Duvar Road and Fox Valley Lector have the biggest hearts on and off the race track

— *McKenzie Sowers* —



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The one and only Sindbad Hill. Heart of a champion, he raced with a foundered foot. Everyone said he would never race again but he did for me and he won races! He was tough as nails, bad knees, hocks and feet plus a really bad bowed tendon. When he turned behind the gate he forgot it all and just wanted to win. He would actually be mad if he didn't and be rotten when he came back to the paddock. He loved pepsi, nacho cheese doritos and ice cream was his absolute favorite! He was a once in a lifetime horse for sure!!

— *Corie Kelley Doane* —



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SAKU-----he is all heart because he stole my heart and a few others hearts with those brown eyes. I was totally free and clear of all horse addiction for 30 years and then I walked into the barn where this guy was in his stall in the corner. It was love at first sight and my horse addiction all came back 100%. This is his last year of racing, but not the end of our love affair.

— *Molly Alexander* —



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This is not a horse with a lot of "speed" or a very "profitable" race horse, but this horse has a ton of Heart!! Flex Fuel sets out to always make everyone in his life a "Happy" person!! When racing it was not "Lack of heart" that was his problem, I have no doubts he gave 110% every start, but unfortunately he had issues that stemmed from conformation faults and training too fast as a baby *frown emoticon* He has touched everyone's "Heart" that has met Flex and spent anytime with him. He is a class clown with the kids, a mush head with the ladies and a prankster with the men!!! Flex Fuel will be in my "Heart" forever....that's my story!!

— *Jan Farrington* —



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I nominate Lucky Price. Even though lucky is in his name, he is the unluckiest horse I've ever worked with. His halter caught on a water bucket one day which led to massive swelling in the neck and head, cast in his stall constantly. And on April 15th 2012, he tore his suspensory in his hind leg but finished the race as strong as he could. After freeze firing, turn out, lots of hard work by many people April 14th 2013 he hit the track once again, 364 days later. He won by multiple lengths and went on to win a few more races before blowing yet another suspensory ending his career. Even though he was a lil crazy to get out on the track, and sometimes a nervous wreck, once he was out there it was game on! He left his heart out on the track every time *heart emoticon* photo cred: Katie Flaherty and Pam Gauthier

— Dawn Gray —



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I’m not sure there is anyone who doesn’t know my old man. He was an average race horse who only gave as much as he had to in the race. Since he has retired he has become an ambassador for the breed, showing many people that not all Standardbreds are “jug heads”. He has shown from Maine to New Jersey; been to Acadia National Park and even participated in a Make-A-Wish event, as well as countless hours on the track marshalling. McKeever Hanover is truly the love on my life *heart emoticon*

— Shelly Topham —



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Bid Hanover getting ready to head for some Christmas caroling  
We had Bid from age two until she retired. She was a great horse to be around. We now have two fillies: a 3yr.old and a yearling. These fillies are her foals. We hope they will be have as good as she was. She is now with Adam and Stephanie Gray.

— *Della Gray* —



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Best after Midnight — I called him bambam I loved this horse more heart and strength than many horses I have taken care of when I graduated Medical assisting school Dillon and my brother were to give him to me as a gift he got claimed I was devastated he was my friend. There are so many we are all truly grateful for the memories of the horses we love. .

— *Patricia Sumner* —



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**Rain Train  
winning the Hight Memorial back to back years!**

*— Bob Sumner —*



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Devils Embrace N! Completely shattered top jaw, n  
broke bottom jaw down the middle!! Screws, wires, n  
braces removed, he raced 9 months later !!!!! ALL  
HEART!!!

— *Janet Stevenson Davis* —



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Sign The Paige... All Heart. Reason being... he is my best friend. BUT for real... When he was just a baby in training, he had a severe colic to the point we almost lost him. The owners at the time didn't want us to truck him down to have surgery. My dad stayed up with him all night and walked him for hours and hours. He finally came out of it the next day but he was in rough shape. He ended up making the races, finishing 2nd in the MSBS final as a 2 yr old. As a 3 yr old he won the MSBS final! I have owned him since he was 4 years old. He is 9 this year. I love him to death. HE is ALL HEART. He always gives his best on the track and likes to show off in the winner circle. In 2013, at Cumberland fair he had beat the track record for aged gelding on the first Sunday beating the top horses in the state at the time! At the end of the week that record was beat by one of the top horses (BUT STILL, Paigey kicked butt) I couldn't be more proud of this horse for everything he has done and for who he is. My Paigeyman is All Heart.

— *Bethany Graffam* —



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Roy Orbisong — Western Outfitter and Malek Hanover.... 3 big hearted horses (of course, I think Roy's got the biggest heart of all, but I may be a bit partial!!)

— *Lindsay Smith* —



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This is my 14 year old gelding it was love at first sight I started taking care of Duncan 5 years ago when I worked for Randy he got injured and was given to me after a year bringing him back he won at Cumberland fair he will be racing again this year

— *Patty Switzer* —



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Morgans Merilight 15 year old Maine bred. Wasn't the faster race horse but he can sure pace his way around barrels and poles and is an excellent English pleasure horse as well!

— *Morgan Leigh Bartlett* —



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White Mountain Ace before we headed out for the Komen Ride For The Cure on May 31, 2014. Ace re-fractured his coffin during his last start on Nov 30, 2013, but went on to win. He spent the winter recovering, and only had one other time under saddle (for about an hour) before this. He rocked out this 10 mile trail ride, where I was able to literally drop the reins and take photos of the scenes and our group. He is now enjoying retirement.

— *Alicia A. Lachance* —



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High Caliber N & Big Bad Bosley ♡ both have the biggest hearts I know of.

— *Ashley Nichole Brown* —



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The horse in this picture had a heart of gold for sure. "Rush Rush Russ" was not only a very tough race horse with a huge heart that gave his all every time he hit the track but he was my best friend. He was just an amazing horse! He touched my heart for sure.

— *Lisa Saindon* —

