FACES OF PA HORSE RACING

PENNSYLVANIA'S LANDMARK RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT FUND HAS INVESTED MILLIONS INTO

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FARM EXPANSION AND JOB CREATION. Created in 2004 as part of Pennsylvania's Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, the fund has created 23,000 jobs and generates \$1.6 billion annually in economic activity. Horse owners and trainers reinvest approximately 89 percent, or \$210 million, into their local communities. Farms have directly benefited, investing \$22 million in land, improvements and equipment, and are home to about \$40 million in racehorses.

The numbers prove Pennsylvania's Race Horse Development Fund is an incredible economic development success that has served as a model for other states. Behind the numbers, there are countless stories of hard-working people who have invested their future in Pennsylvania. Faces of PA Horse Racing will introduce you to a few of those people.



TODD BEATTIE, TRAINER It's a Family Affair

Todd Beattie grew up in Antigo, Wisconsin, the same town as legendary Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Strongly influenced by Lukas, Beattie knew from an early age that horse racing was his calling. Due to the harsh winters that only permitted seasonal racing, Beattie followed his siblings to Pennsylvania.

He quickly fell in love with Central Pennsylvania and its bucolic landscape and quality of life. He settled in as a trainer at Penn National Race Course, where he raised his son while training horses year round.

Beattie, widely known for his talents as a trainer, was in demand all along the East Coast. The Race Horse Development Fund created new economic opportunities that allowed Beattie to stay in Central Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's investment paid off: He was able to add two equicisers to his training facility; expand his barn to 40 talented foals; attract clients from across the country; and continue to race at Penn National because of the changes in the purse structure.

"If Pennsylvania didn't start the Race Horse Development Fund, I would've moved on long ago," he said. "Pennsylvania invested in us – and we turned right around and invested in Central Pennsylvania. We pay local farms a great deal to buy the goods we need to care for our horses. We invest in high-performing horses with impressive pedigrees, and we race here in Pennsylvania."

Since the Race Horse Development Fund was created, Beattie has found success with Pennsylvania-bred Fabulous Strike, whose career spanned 28 starts where he won 15 times, placed five times and showed once. And, most recently, he trained now-retired Grade 1 winner Taris, who got her start with Beattie at Penn National.

Today, Beattie can still be found working with his son at Penn National, training several 2-year-old fillies who, according to Beattie, have that special sparkle in their eyes.



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