

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, which has served as a model for other states. Behind the numbers, there are countless stories of hard-working people who have invested their futures in Pennsylvania. Faces of the Horse Racing Fund will introduce you to a few of those people.



SANDEE MARTIN, OWNER, TRAINER AND JOCKEY

Home is Where the Heart Is

Sandee Martin grew up in Grantville, Pennsylvania, only a few miles from Penn National. Living a short distance from the racetrack, Martin knew being part of the horse racing community was her destiny.

Her story is simple: She wanted to ride and her parents wanted her to finish school. A deal was struck; she would finish school then follow her heart to the track.

Staying at Penn National was important to Martin. She was able to harness her natural abilities while receiving a tremendous education regarding issues at the forefront of horse racing, both in Pennsylvania and on a national level.

Martin is a remarkable jockey whose career has taken her all over the world. She's been presented with offers to race and live in multiple countries, but her heart is at Penn National. When the Race Horse Development Fund was established, there was not an offer in the world that could've taken her away from home. Penn National's

year-round schedule and quality of life in Central Pennsylvania made the other opportunities easier to turn down.

"If the fund was not created, I would've left home," she said. "The state invested in the industry I love, consequently I made the decision to stay here, making horse racing my lifelong career. With the fund, I've been able to expand my farm to 24 horses, which has impacted the local economy through employment, the consumption of agricultural products, and the use of professional services such as blacksmiths and veterinarians.

Since the Race Horse Development Fund was created, Martin has reached new levels as a horseman and a woman in business. She was named the leading owner in 2013; owned and trained the 2013 horse of year, Reign Suzanne; and was the second leading trainer that same year.

After 34 years at Penn National, Martin can still be found working tirelessly, training horses, riding as an amateur jockey for Team USA and giving back to the industry that captivated her at a young age.



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