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effective part of Maryland's aftercare and rescue communities and has helped transition over 200 horses in a little over three years. We were fortunate to have received funding through the Right Horse Initiative/Arnall Family Foundation for the first three years of METS' existence and as a testament to the success of the program, we are honored to have received new support from Maryland's own Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue that will sustain us into the future.

There's still a lot of work to do and in addition to the great work the staff have done, I want to personally thank the members of our METS Steering Committee who have worked tirelessly over the last year to make METS as effective as possible and to push our funding program forward. The Steering Committee is Elizabeth Tate Winters, Dr. Amy Burk, Dr. Pete Radue, Erin Ochoa, Jordyn Egan, Brittney Carrow, Jane Seigler, Corinne Pouliquen and Erica Lancaster. I also want to thank Erica Lancaster who has recently become the President of the newly established Maryland Horse Council Foundation, under which METS

will be managed, for stepping forward and navigating the transition of the program to the Foundation.

As my term as President of MHC comes to an end, I am very excited to see where these programs go and to cheer on my two successors in the President role. Both Corinne Pouliquen and Kim Egan are extremely energetic and passionate horse women who I believe will guide MHC to great heights by moving these programs ahead and introducing new and exciting ways that we can energize and unite our Maryland horse community.

Finally I would like to acknowledge a person without whose support over the last few years I would not have been able to work through many of the intricacies involved with the MHC. My predecessor as MHC President, Jane Seigler, has been an absolute rock and her advice and counsel has been critical to me in my position as MHC President. I hope I am able to provide half as much support to Kim and Corinne in the coming years.

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