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White Star Stables LLC, a premier equestrian training and lesson facility located in Cave Creek, AZ is pleased to announce that it's youth club, the White Star Show Stoppers has been awarded the distinction of 2007 youth club of the year by the American Saddlebred Horse Association Inc. (ASHA).

On February 16th, 29 Show Stopper club members and parents attended a national awards luncheon at the famed Claudia Sanders restaurant in Shelbyville, KY for the annual presentation of ASHA youth club achievements. After the presentation of individual awards earlier in the day, the AZ contingent was thrilled to be distinguished as the club exhibiting outstanding achievement for membership and charitable fundraising. The highlight of the presentation was the announcement of the highly coveted Youth Club of the Year award by ASHA representative Brenda Newell.

Created in 2005 The White Star Stables Youth Club is known as the Show Stoppers and promotes the American Saddlebred to equestrians of all ages throughout the western United States. The goal of the club has been achieved by offering a safe, fun environment for youth to learn and appreciate equestrian showmanship tempered by exceptional sportsmanship. Show Stoppers provides a venue for youth to participate in educational and other meaningful equine related pursuits. Advocacy, philanthropy and expert interpersonal skills are a few of the qualities exhibited by these exceptional youths. Currently Show Stoppers has more than 35 members ranging in age from 6-18. The youth club offers monthly meetings, BBQ's, field trips, fundraisers and horseshow experiences. Members can earn badges in horsemanship, horse history, grooming and tack. Club members attend many horseshows together and hold fundraisers at each event. Recipients of Show Stopper fundraising efforts represent several notable charities, including Crisis Nursery and Horses Help in the Phoenix area. In addition to fundraising and volunteerism, The Show Stoppers regularly host equitation and other clinics at their home base, White Star Stables.

The White Star Show Stoppers are affiliated with the ASHA. Today, there are over 8,000 active ASHA members, 50 ASHA Charter Clubs, and 40 ASHA Youth Clubs. ASHA carries out administrative, promotional and educational activities for the benefit of its members and the breed. From its beginning in 1891, ASHA has attained its current position of leadership in the horse world because of the individual efforts of its active members.

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