MEDIA ALERT:

The Gentle Barn Moves Forward in St. Louis

Supporters From Around the World Raise Funds for a Third Gentle Barn Location

Santa Clarita, CA (June 2017) – In 23 days, 5,000 people from all 50 United States and over 40 countries, came together to start a Gentle Barn in St. Louis, MO to heal abused and neglected animals and work with at-risk children. The Gentle Barn (www.gentlebarn.org), the national non-profit who rescued the six cows who escaped from a St. Louis slaughterhouse, has reached their fundraising goal to purchase property and give the rescued cows a forever home. Along with thousands of public donations, The Gentle Barn had received a set of matching contributions of $50,000 from a few of their major supporters that helped jumpstart the $400,000 GoFundMe campaign.

“Chico, Spirit and their brothers are very special animals with an incredible message that has resonated with people around the world,” says Ellie Laks, Founder of The Gentle Barn. “We are so excited to create a Gentle Barn in the St. Louis area and we want to thank everyone who has continued to support the campaign. These special cows will become ambassadors in The Gentle Barn’s program and will serve to help children and adults breakthrough emotional barriers. What a dream come true.”

Celebrities and athletes close to The Gentle Barn such as David Backes, Richard Marx, Daisy Fuentes, Tori Spelling, Rick Springfield, and Dodgers stars, Clayton Kershaw, Brandon McCarthy, Chris Hatcher, and Rich Hill contributed memorabilia and shared the campaign through their social media in support of raising the needed funds to purchase not only the property, but to support the additional $200,000 for start-up costs.

“It is life changing to be a witness to these sentient beings who deserve freedom and to live their lives without fear,” says Jay Weiner, Co-Founder of The Gentle Barn Foundation. “The Gentle Barn was founded as a sanctuary for abused animals and has evolved into a global movement for a more gentle, healthy, and sustainable world. What a special day the grand opening will be when we can bring the community in to experience the magic of these animals”

You can continue to support the opening and preparation of The Gentle Barn MO by visiting http://www.gentlebarn.org/stlouissix. You can even participate in naming one of these special cows. #stlouissix #gentlebarn #animalrescue
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The Gentle Barn is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1999 as a safe haven and place of recovery for severely abused animals. The Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the personal experiences of inner city, at-risk and special needs children who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with The Gentle Barn’s approximate one hundred and fifty animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, those who participate in the programs at The Gentle Barn learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. The Gentle Barn is supported by Celebrities such as Ellen Degeneres, David Backes, Daisy Fuentes & Richard Marx, Jenna Dewan-Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rockett of Poison, Pamela Anderson and Hilary Swank.