MEDIA ALERT

A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION TO HONOR TURKEYS

The Gentle Barn Hosts the Holiday with Hope and Compassion

Santa Clarita, CA (November, 2017) – The Gentle Barn will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 23rd at each of their three sanctuaries, in California, Tennessee and Missouri. This year The Gentle Barn will be rescuing a turkey that would otherwise be slaughtered, and bring him/her home to become a “Cuddle” turkey for children and adults to experience the incredible intelligence, compassion and healing traits of these sentient beings. The message of The Gentle Barn’s Thanksgiving event is to acknowledge and celebrate the commitment to making the world a more compassionate place for animals, to teaching children how to heal and grow beyond the challenges they face and to protecting our environment from further irreparable damage.

"With Mother Nature’s occurrence of more and more natural disasters, and the increased violence in our communities, it's imperative that we search out ways to practice more gentleness in our own lives,” say Ellie Laks, Founder of The Gentle Barn. “We cannot control what others do, but each of us can take a firmer stand for peace. The best way to do that is to celebrate life with us on Thanksgiving. Cuddle turkeys, eat a gentle meal, and come together in a drum circle where our hearts beat as one.”

At each location, the special event begins at 3:00pm and includes naming the rescued turkey and feeding the other resident turkeys some of their favorite treats such as cranberries, blueberries, and pumpkin pie. There is a full, gourmet plant-based dinner provided by a group of sponsors that will feed more than 500 guests, followed by a Native American Drum Circle and traditional bonfire.

To RSVP for the event, please visit: http://www.gentlebarn.org/thanksgiving or for other requests please contact The Gentle Barn office at www.gentlebarn.org/contact/.

Event details are as follows:
What: The Gentle Barn Thanksgiving Dinner
When: Thursday, November 23, 2017
3:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m.
Where: The Gentle Barn California (Address available to media upon request)
The Gentle Barn Tennessee (Address available to media upon request)
The Gentle Barn Missouri (Address available to media upon request)

Media Availability: Gentle Barn Founders Ellie Laks and Jay Weiner will be available for interviews. Please send requests to TGBoutreach@gmail.com.
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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, Kelly & David Backes, Daisy Fuentes & Richard Marx, Jenna & Channing Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rockett of Poison, Pamela Anderson and Hilary Swank.

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