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South West Florida Horse Rescue, Inc. invites the SW Florida community to enjoy the 5th Annual SWFHR Chili Fest presented by M'Xuma Tacos.

PUNTA GORDA, FL. (MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2023) - SOUTH WEST FLORIDA HORSE RESCUE, INC. (SWFHR) invites the SW Florida community to their annual benefit labeled the "**5th Annual SWFHR Chili Fest** presented by **M'Xuma Tacos**" this March 11th from 10 am to 2 pm. The rain date will be Sunday, March 12th, 2023, at the initially planned time. South West Florida Horse Rescue will host this fun-filled family event at their facility at 14811 State Road 31, Punta Gorda. The SWFHR facility is only 4 miles north of the Lee Civic Center on the west side of the road across from the Babcock Ranch Publix on SR31.

"We have worked hard since our founding in 2010 and establishing our 'Rescue Facility' in 2014. What better way to showcase our work than to invite our community to a free event with demonstrations, entertainment, music, and food," said Tina Garrett, SWFHR's President/Public Relations director/Fundraising director, "guaranteed to be a fun-filled experience for the whole family. Our community and supporter are a big reason behind the success of our mission, and the proceeds of this event will continue the development of southwest Florida's growing equine rescue facility."

They are rooted in the idea that all are welcome to come out and see the facility free of charge. This event is Admission Free & Open to The Public. "I encourage everyone, horse people or not, to come out and see some of what we do," added Matt Venaleck, Co-Founder/Volunteer director/Construction director. "or just have fun in the country and enjoy some Chili, ride the Hay Ride, or just to have some awesome food and watch a demonstration or two."

The Chili Fest, built around a Chili Cook-Off competition with combined prize winnings totaling over \$1500.00, will also have tremendous entertainment for the whole family. There will be free demonstrations such as Calendar Girls Florida dance team, Aftershock Equine Horse Drill Team, Shultz Circus Aerialist, and 'Way Too Tall Tori' the stiltwalker. DJ Colton Lee provides music. A host of other activities, such as Hayrides, a Gigantic garage/ tack sale, Face painting, Pony Rides by Lark of Endless Trials, Food Vendors, a buffet of Merchandise Vendors, Animal / Wildlife Charities vendors, Tours of the facility, Raffles, Silent Auctions and much more as things continually add to the list. See the Event Website for all the latest at swfhr.org/23cco.

ABOUT SOUTH WEST FLORIDA HORSE RESCUE, INC: Committed to saving the lives of southwest Florida's local community's equines through a host of primary programs such as our: Rescue, Adoption, & Education Programs. As funds permit, our secondary programs include our Volunteer & Community Give Back Programs and Equine Owner Assistance Programs. Find out more at swfhr.org.

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