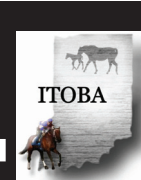




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INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO JOCKEYS VISIT RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN



SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – Sept. 29, 2016 – Five jockeys from Indiana Grand Racing & Casino visited Riley Hospital for Children in downtown Indianapolis Thursday, Sept. 29 in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The jockeys visited with children in the Child Life Zone area of the hospital, playing games, painting, shooting pool and playing video games during the one and one-half-hour session.

The movement began in 2014 when local Thoroughbred owner and breeder, Mike McCauley, and his wife, Marcie, of the Columbus, Inc. area wanted to do something to show support for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is each year in September. Their daughter, Cierra, battled cancer and is now cancer free, thanks to the efforts of Riley Hospital for Children. McCauley contacted The Jockey's Guild, who in turn, got behind the program. Jockeys at Indiana Grand wore gold ribbon patches on their boots and pants during September, 2014. Other tracks soon followed. Today, it is a national movement across the United States to show support for the cause.

In conjunction with the national awareness movement, jockeys from race-tracks across the nation also make visits to their area children's hospitals. This is the third straight year that Indiana Grand's jockeys have made the trip to Riley Hospital for Children.

Attending this year's event included Kaylia Albright, Shanley Jackson, Malcolm Franklin, Leandro Goncalves and Eddie Perez. The jockeys interacted with the kids and also passed out goggles provided by The Jockey's Guild. They also provided small stuffed horses to children during the visit.

"This trip is always very rewarding to us," said Goncalves, who is a three-time leading rider at Indiana Grand. "We always have fun talking with the kids, and it is also very humbling and makes you very appreciative of life when you see what some children are facing."

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 PM EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 PM. The 120-day season runs through Saturday, Oct. 29.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards from industry publications for customer service, entertainment, gaming and dining. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as an off-track betting facility located in Clarksville, Ind. For more information, please visit www.IndianaGrand.com.

Photo – From left, Shanley Jackson, Malcolm Franklin, Eddie Perez, Kaylia Albright and Leandro Goncalves visited with children at Riley Hospital for Children in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016.