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**Horses of Tir Na Nog Press Release**

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**Rescued Horses Run and Play for the First Time In a Year**  
**Thanks to Generous Grant from Las Patronas**

Thanks to a generous grant from Las Patronas, a philanthropic organization committed to funding grass-root non-profit groups in San Diego County, the Horses of Tir Na Nog now have an area in which to run and play.

Our horses are housed in large, shared corrals whenever possible and taken out for regular walks by volunteers. A 66-foot round-pen offers some opportunities for the horses to stretch their legs. However, this new turnout area represents the first time in almost a year that this special herd of horses has had a chance to run and play.

“When we lost the ranch where we were keeping our horses at the end of 2007, many of the horses were moved to 24 foot by 24 foot corrals, which didn’t give them room to run,” recalls Amy Pat Rigney, founder of Horses of Tir Na Nog.

“Since our horses aren’t ridden, they need room to exercise and they need mental stimulation. The new turnout area provides our horses with these opportunities,” says Rigney. “We are so appreciative of Las Patronas for awarding us this grant. One of our volunteers, Janet Bower, worked hard to submit a grant application on our behalf, so this grant represents a real community effort to help San Diego’s unwanted horses.”

Las Patronas is a philanthropic organization with a long history of giving. Since its inception in 1946, Las Patronas has donated more than \$12 million to nearly a thousand charitable institutions in San Diego. The Las Patronas tradition of giving responds to urgent needs in San Diego County that “slip through the crack,” making Las Patronas a perfect benefactor for horses in San Diego that have been deemed unwanted by owners and were neglected or abandoned. To find out more about Las Patronas, visit their WEB Site at [www.laspatronas.org](http://www.laspatronas.org).

Horses of Tir Na Nog is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a safe-haven for horses that have few options remaining, thereby ensuring them a better quality of life. At Horses of Tir Na Nog, we build connections between people and horses in the San Diego community, increasing awareness about responsible horse ownership and care through education. Horses of Tir Na Nog is an all-volunteer organization, so all funds donated go directly to horse care. To find out more, visit [www.horsesoftirnanog.org](http://www.horsesoftirnanog.org).