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SUNY ESF Day of Service Benefits Sunshine Horses

Clay, NY – Sunshine Horses welcomed students from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry for a Day of Service on Saturday, November 13. The student volunteers partnered with Sunshine Horses' volunteers to complete a variety of activities preparing the farm for winter, including reorganizing valuable storage areas, moving lumber and stall repairs.

Sunshine Horses is the largest Standardbred rescue and adoption group in New York State. "Community volunteers and donations are vital to our organization's ability to carry out our mission," said Diana Wellmon, Sunshine's volunteer coordinator. "Thanks to volunteer support and community donations, Sunshine can rescue, rehabilitate, retrain, and re-home horses no longer able to race."

According to Ebby Adukkalil, coordinator, Office of Student Involvement and Leadership at SUNY ESF, "Service is always at the heart of what we do, curriculum wide and school wide. The day provides an opportunity for the students to get out and see what we have right in our backyard while giving back to our community."

SUNY ESF sophomore, Netta Mualem, is studying Environmental Studies with a concentration in communications. Looking for new volunteer experiences, the Day of Service at Sunshine Horses provided not only the opportunity to give back, but also the chance to reconnect with horses. "I felt like it was really important to support my school as well and the rest of the students that were interested in the day of service. It is also an opportunity to meet people who have similar interests as me," said Mualem.

Groups or individuals interested in volunteering at Sunshine Horses can email sunshinehorsesinc@gmail.com for more information.

Photo Caption:

Sunshine Horses welcomed students from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) for a Day of Service on Saturday, November 13.

Pictured: Diana Wellmon (Sunshine Horses), Eva Sideris, James Hart, Lillian Gannon, Lexi Kirkpatrick, Dawn Ellis (Sunshine Horses), Mary Minkoff (Sunshine Horses), Ebby Adukkalil Netta Mualem and Sarah Crane

