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**NVTRP Horse wins National Award
*Harmony Named "Therapy Horse of the Year" by the
American Morgan Horse Association***

Clifton, VA – March 3, 2010 – Janlees' Philharmonica, better known as Harmony, has been named the 2009 Therapy Horse of the Year by the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA). Harmony is one of the horses in the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP), a nonprofit organization located in Clifton, VA. The award was presented on February 19th, 2010 to NVTRP Executive Director Breeana Bornhorst at the AMHA annual convention in Lexington, KY.

Harmony has been with NVTRP since she was donated to the program in 2000. In her over nine years of service, she has worked with riders with a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. Harmony's sensitivity, movement, and talent in the show ring make her a unique and invaluable therapy horse, and an excellent representative of the Morgan breed.

"Harmony truly understands that she has a special job and is very responsive to her riders," said Bornhorst. "When she is carrying one of our more involved riders, you can see her taking each step carefully and paying close attention to what is being asked of her. She becomes in tune with each of her riders and seems to bring them exactly what they need that day."

As the AMHA Therapy Horse of the Year, Harmony has been recognized as going above and beyond expectations as a therapy horse, and being a true ambassador for the qualities of the Morgan horse breed.

About NVTRP: Originally chartered in 1980, NVTRP is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to providing equine-assisted activities to children and adults with disabilities, youth-at-risk, veterans and their families in an inclusive, community setting. Learning to ride and care for a horse not only improves the physical health of the rider but also generates a critically important sense of accomplishment. Riders participating in NVTRP's program represent a range of disabilities, including attention deficit disorder, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, developmental disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, and genetic syndromes. NVTRP is a Premier Center accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), and a member center of the Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia (TRAV).

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