



## **HORSE GIFTED TO RREC VOLUNTEER IN CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF HARD WORK**

### **J'Quan Beavers had another very special day at River Ranch Educational Charities at Texas Horse Park!**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, J'Quan Beavers was awarded \$600 from the Garland Police Department. After observing J'Quin conduct an equine educational class at his favorite charity, River Ranch Educational Charities (RREC), the officers were amazed at his ability to be responsible, trustworthy and reliable and to model adult behavior with peers and staff.

The donation was earmarked to help off-set the expenses of horse ownership such as veterinary care, farrier needs, feed and tack. However, at the time, J'Quan didn't own a horse.

That all changed when Officer Scott Jay of Dallas Police Department's Police Activities League, coordinated with a few folks behind the scenes to give J'Quan a Thoroughbred mare!

RREC will provide one year's worth of boarding as well as horsemanship lessons by one of their lead cowboys, Chris Wilson, to assist in the training of the horse and rider. These lessons will allow J'Quan to develop a better understanding of his horse and grow his horsemanship skills. Since 80% of a well-trained horse is developed during ground instruction, the lessons will include grounding and de-sensitization training.

Another supporter of RREC, Sharon Price, chipped in to the cause and donated a Circle Y roping saddle to help round out J'Quan's gift.

"We try to reach to individuals who enjoy or want to enrich their knowledge of horses and have been lucky to have J'Quan as a long-term volunteer," said Ann Stacy, Educational and Equestrian Programs Director at River Ranch Educational Charities. "When the community joins together like the Dallas Police Department and Sharon Price did with River Ranch Educational Charities, to help our youth, it shows we are achieving some of the goals for our community."

"Now we have to reach out to more of our youth to let them know of their own value," Stacy continued.

For more information on River Ranch Educational Charities and how you can help, please call 469.804-2660, email [info@RiverRanch-TexasHorsePark.com](mailto:info@RiverRanch-TexasHorsePark.com) or visit them online at [www.riverranch-texashorsepark.com](http://www.riverranch-texashorsepark.com).