

Our dollars stay here because we stay here.

We are a significant part of the community.

## Heads & Tails

The Charles Town Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association or CTHBPA – quite a name but it includes lots of familiar faces. You know us. We are the horse owners, breeders and trainers and our farms in West Virginia have been here for generations. Hundreds of years of time-honored traditions and preservation of the land we love are just two of our best qualities. **We're your neighbors and an industry making a significant economic impact every year on West Virginia.**

## Horse of a Different Color

The thoroughbred farming industry in West Virginia is significant. According to a recent economic impact study\*, horse owners, breeders and trainers provided **more than 3,600 jobs** and pumped **\$173 million into the local economy** for wages, taxes, hay, straw, farm supplies, fencing and veterinary services, in the Eastern Panhandle last year alone.

## Solution for Success

The CTHBPA wants to be a partner with the Charles Town Races & Slots. It is a beautiful facility, a terrific tourism destination and a tremendous success. We want to ensure the future by being a key part of the Solution for Success.

As the Charles Town track pursues table games legislation with the West Virginia Legislature, it is important to note we will support it – **ONLY** if the legislation guarantees live horse racing and corrects financial inequities caused by recent changes in the original lottery legislation. We must protect the horse racing industry and further develop the rapidly growing thoroughbred breeding and training industry in West Virginia. Remember, the placement of video lottery machines – and the possibility of adding table games – must continue to require **LIVE RACING** at the track.

**\$173 Million to the Local Economy and 3,658 Jobs in 2005.**

We are part of the solution.

\*Source: "The Economic Impact of the Charles Town Thoroughbred Race Horse Industry on the Charles Town Economy" by TRA, Inc., September 2006

Horses. Jobs. Partnership.  
It's Just Good HORSE Sense.