

Meet (Trainer) Victor Espinosa & His Family

This picture is worth a thousand words! These fifteen members of the Espinosa family are Jefferson County residents and they have a *Real Impact* on our community. Victor said he has “a real concern for the possibility of losing racing. It would mean selling our home, farm, and horses at a great loss, it would mean losing forever a job that I love.”



We need to start thinking about the many families like the Espinosa family. If we lose funding or lose racing days we could lose many residents just like the Espinosa's. Read below to understand how Charles Town Racing impacts our community and families like Victor's.

Victor Espinosa came to Charles Town in 1960 as a Jockey. He rode here until 1980. Victor went to New York for one year to work as an Assistant Trainer to learn more about the training of Thoroughbred Race Horses. In 1981 he returned to Charles Town, took the state test, passed and became a Trainer: he has been training ever since. In addition to training, Victor has invested in a farm, and now is a breeder and owner of Thoroughbreds. Victor raised 4 children while working in the racing industry. His children all attended school in Jefferson County. His son, **Victor**, works for Equibase, the official source for all thoroughbred horse racing data and statistics in North America. His son **Paul** is the General Manager of Frontier Phone Company, is very active in community sports, and serves as a Delegate representing Jefferson County's 66th district. His daughter, **Michelle**, works for the WV State Racing Commission as a License Clerk at Charles Town. Daughter **Mindy** works for a doctor's office, and grandson **Paul** has worked as a sportscaster for our local

TV station WHAGVictor has “a real concern for the possibility of losing racing. It would mean selling their home, farm, and horses at a great loss, it would mean losing forever a job that Victor loves.”