



RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY
OF AMERICA INC.

FACT SHEET

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Ministering to the Horse Racing Industry since 1971

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Purpose Statement:

- The primary focus of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America is to serve those who are involved in the horse racing industry.
- The ministry is based on the belief that it is God's desire that every person, including those in the horse racing industry, should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, resulting in a life that is full and abundant in its nature and eternal in its scope.

Governance:

- RTCA is governed by a Board of Directors, including four officers & five representatives. The Board is elected by the General Assembly of members, which includes regional and at-large directors, emeritus directors, endorsing agency representatives, presidents of affiliated councils and their chaplains.
- The Board authorizes a national office to execute its policies vis-à-vis the affiliated councils, and hires an Executive Director to manage the operations of the national office.
- The President of the Board is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization.

RTCA Statistics:

- 36 Councils
- 61 Chaplains
- 23 States
- 68 Racetracks & Thoroughbred Training Centers

What is a Chaplain?

Chaplains are God's ministers in closed communities, meeting human needs and introducing people to the love of God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

What Chaplains provide:

- Pastoral Counseling
- Worship Services
- Bible Studies
- Food & Clothing
- Recreation
- Healthcare, Legal, and Financial Referrals
- Educational Workshops
- Transportation

RTCA Councils:

- Councils are independent nonprofit ministries, incorporated in their respective states, and operating in the backstretch communities of horse racetracks and at thoroughbred training centers. They are connected with RTCA through a legal Affiliation Agreement.
- Every legally affiliated chaplaincy is governed by its own executive committee which is called a Council, and which hires its own local Chaplain(s).
- Councils are self-funded through private donations and fund-raising events in their local communities.

RTCA National:

- The function of the National Service Center is to establish and serve councils, by providing:
 - Chaplain Recruitment & Screening
 - Continuing Education & Professional Development
 - Grants & Scholarships
 - Council Operations & Ministry Resources
 - Council Support & Consulting
 - Racing Industry Relations
 - New Ministry Start-Ups
- The National Service Center is led by the Executive Director in collaboration with, and with guidance from, the President of the Board of Directors.
- The National Service Center is funded in-part through financial offerings from the local Councils, and is otherwise funded through private charitable gifts and grants.
- RTCA's signature event is the **White Horse Award Luncheon**, which recognizes individuals from the horse racing industry who have exhibited heroism on behalf of human or horse. Community Service Awards are also presented at the WHA Luncheon.
- Other high-profile events include: (a) the **Chaplaincy School & Annual Meeting**, an intensive training for Chaplains and Council members, followed by the business meeting of the General Assembly; (b) the **Chaplains Academy**, and immersion course for those aspiring to become Chaplains; and (c) participation in the annual **National Day of Prayer** the first Thursday in May.