

2011 Commonwealth of Virginia FLITE Award

In response to her husband's Inaugural Address, the Commonwealth's First Lady, Maureen McDonnell, created the FLITE (First Lady's Initiatives Team Effort) Award. Its purpose, she said, "is to bring attention to the great work being done by selfless people around the Commonwealth who are taking the opportunity to leave Virginia a better place than they found it."

On December 16, 2011, the Horses Helping Heroes Project received the FLITE Award and was inducted into the Opportunity Hall of Fame along with the other member centers of the Virginia Horses for Heroes team. In addition to our Certificate of Recognition, we shared the \$2000 award monies with our fellow team members.

Being recognized "for exemplary efforts in providing equine therapy to wounded military and veterans" by Virginia's First Lady Maureen McDonnell was a true honor for our group of 2 and 4-legged volunteers at the HHHP.