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Dear Council Members.

Greetings. On behalf of the Ron Trithart Memorial Ride and SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy (hereafter SunCatcher TRA), we are writing to you today to request permission to sell raffle tickets within the jurisdiction of Rapid City. The Ron Trithart Memorial Ride will be holding a benefit trailride, dinner and auction on June 7, 2008, during which we will hold raffle for a custom made saddle. All the proceeds from the event are to benefit SunCatcher TRA.

This year marks the second year for the Ron Trithart Memorial Ride. Ron, a retired Air Force Officer, came to live, love and ride the Black Hills. He, together with his wife Diane, operated French Creek Ranch Bed and Breakfast where they welcomed and shared the beauty of our Hills with people from all over the United States. Ron suffered a stroke in 2004, and when his illness finally disabled him in April 2006, SunCatcher TRA was able to get him get back on his horse and ride the Hills he so loved.

As his family and friends, we came together to create the Memorial Ride to honor the memory of a man who made a difference in many lives, both on and off his horse, to ride some of his favorite trails in his beloved Black Hills and to benefit an organization that meant so much to him. Last year we were able to raise almost \$4000.00 in proceeds to benefit SunCatcher, and we are hoping to make this year even bigger and better.

SunCatcher TRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity which uses trained teams of therapists and/or instructors and horses to provide horse-back riding therapy to individuals with disabilities and special needs in the Black Hills area. The proven benefits of such therapy improve balance, strength, coordination and communication. Through our programming we are able to provide opportunities to enrich lives where disease and disability have closed doors. We turn "I wish" into "I can," one special rider at a time.

Sincerely,

Diane Trithart

Founder, Ron/Vrithart Memorial Ride

Tim Pederson

President, SunCatcher TRA



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