

Charitable Foundation Contributions Consolidated by Oak Tree

Now that the Oak Tree Racing Association has been without a horse racing meet in California since fall 2010, when it hosted one at Hollywood Park after being based at Santa Anita Park for the previous 41 years, the not-for-profit organization has had to consolidate its annual donations down to a select group of six recipients.

Through its private Oak Tree Charitable Foundation and the group's original Oak Tree Foundation that was in place from 1969 to 1994, it has contributed more than \$30 million to numerous worthy charitable and civic institutions.

The current recipients are the: American Horse Council, the national association representing all segments of the horse racing industry in Washington, D.C.; California Thoroughbred Horse-



men's Foundation, a self-administered charitable program dedicated to assisting financially needy backstretch workers and their primary dependents; Edwin J. Gregson Foundation, a group which develops programs to benefit and enhance the quality of



life of California's backstretch workers and their families; Racing Medication & Testing Consortium, a national organization committed to tackling issues relating to the medication and post-race testing of Race Track Industry Program, a curriculum that offers students a broad-based education with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry; and Winners Foundation, an organization established to provide information, support and

referral sources to employees and family members of the California horse racing community. ■