Farmingville, NY – In celebration of the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) National Help-A-Horse Day, Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro and the Kaeli Kramer Foundation will host the 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run at the Holtsville Ecology Site. The non-competitive event for all ages, intended to raise awareness of the inhumane treatment of horses and other animals, will take place Saturday, April 23, at 249 Buckley Road, Holtsville; registration is at 10 a.m., the walk begins at 11 a.m. (rain date is Sunday, April 24).

In addition to the walk/run, the day’s family-friendly activities include a puppet show; face painting; arts and crafts; a scavenger hunt through the animal preserve; raffles and a 50/50; and awards for best team and child’s costumes, most pledges raised and top team fundraiser. Following the walk/run, participants may also watch a national horsemanship demonstration—the Holtsville Ecology Site is home to two of the Kaeli Kramer Foundation’s rescued mustangs, Callie and Valor—and meet local rescue groups.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Brookhaven Wildlife Center and the Kaeli Kramer Foundation, which houses unwanted horses and provides humane education classes at the Center each summer. As part of the event, the Kaeli Kramer Foundation will compete for a chance to win up to $25,000 in grant funding to assist in its efforts to protect horses. The nationwide competition is intended to raise awareness about the lifesaving work sanctuaries do year-round to care for at-risk horses in their community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information, to register for the walk/run, or to obtain sponsor/pledge forms, visit www.kaelikramerfoundation.org/5K or call 516-443-9861.

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