

# DRESSAGE AT LARGE

## Olympian Gives Back

**U**S Olympic dressage team bronze medalist Charlotte Bredahl-Baker has been recognized for her volunteer efforts in using horses to help disadvantaged inner-city children. Bredahl-Baker, of Solvang, CA, was the Valley Foundation's 2006 Volunteer of the Year, as reported by the *Santa Ynez (CA) Valley News*.

Bredahl-Baker's work mentoring children and serving as a foster parent with her husband, Joel Baker, led to her involvement with a riding program for children from the tough neighborhood of Compton, CA. The couple now regularly hosts children at their ranch, where the kids take riding lessons and learn about horses.

Bredahl-Baker's efforts were honored March 24 at the 2006 Valley Foundation Banquet in Buellton, CA.

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