

# Spotlight Midwest Region



## Organization Profile

### Our Mims Retirement Haven

Location: Paris, KY

Founded: 2006

TAA Accredited: 2014

Aftercare Services:  
Sanctuary

**Exciting Bucket** now spends her days leisurely wandering around a pasture full of other retired mares at **Our Mims Retirement Haven**, but she earned that retirement with a career spanning nine years and 92 races. The grey 1989 Kentucky-bred mare spent the majority of her career under the care of trainer **Vincent Fariello**, racing exclusively at **Turfway Park** and **River Downs** in claiming races. “Buckets” found the winner’s circle 19 times before being retired to her trainer’s family farm.

#### HEARTWARMING TO KNOW

Buckets lived with her trainer and his family for 14 years, allowed to have the run of the place and do as she pleased with no expectations. After the sad passing of Mr. Fariello, his wife contacted Our Mims to ask that they take Buckets in and continue to provide the care befitting the mare. The people of Our Mims were honored to be able to take over the mare’s care, with Jeanne Mirabito, the President of Our Mims, stating: “It is an honor to be chosen to care for this great horse through the rest of her retirement. And it is heartwarming to know that people like the Fariellos still care about our equine friends.”

## TAA Profile

#### Who we are:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization who **accredits** and **funds** organizations that provide aftercare for Thoroughbreds.

#### What we do:

Our goal is to unite the Thoroughbred community to establish an **industry-wide funding** mechanism at every touch point in a Thoroughbred’s life. The funds raised will provide **support** to accredited aftercare organizations to retire, retrain and place former racehorses. Since 2012, TAA has accredited 42 organizations and provided 3.4 million dollars in funding. The TAA is a shared **responsibility** of many Thoroughbred entities including: The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup, Keeneland, sales companies, horsemen groups, stallion farms, racetracks, trainers and others.

#### How organizations receive accreditation and funding:

- Required to complete an in-depth application and agree to site visits of all facilities caring for their horses.
- Must have been in operation for a minimum of **three** years with a current 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Must have an official euthanasia policy consistent with the AAEP.

#### How you can help:

- **Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, OBS, and Barretts** enable buyers and consignors to contribute \$50 per \$100,000 transaction to the TAA. All four sales companies contribute an additional match.
- **Stallion farms & owners** are able to commit the equivalent of 25% of advertised stallion fee(s).
- **Individuals, corporations and foundations** are invited to send their contributions to the TAA.