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“SALEM DAY” CELEBRATED AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

EAST BOSTON, MA – Jockey Carlos Quinones won three-races on Saturday's nine race card at Suffolk Downs as the East Boston oval celebrated “Salem Day,” the third of eight “Commitment to Community” days celebrating individuals and organizations that make a positive difference in eight area cities and towns.

Quinones started out his day with a front-running score aboard Marivett (\$5.80) in the opener. He then guided Swing Music (\$7.80) to an off-the-pace victory in the sixth race. Quinones captured the featured eighth race, a turf allowance, aboard Goodness Greatness (8.20).

Quinones, a 23-year-old native of Puerto Rico, is in his first season of competition at Suffolk Downs. He is currently third in the jockey standings with 27 wins.

Prior to the day's first race, Alex Grover, a lifelong resident of Salem, sang the national anthem as the Salem Veterans Council honor guard presented the colors. Grover is a 2009 graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, MA, where he majored in music. The 2005 Salem High School graduate will be pursuing a masters in music education at Boston University in the fall.

The following Salem organizations were recognized in the track's “Community Winner's Circle”: Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem, Foundation for Salem Public Education, Parents United of Salem, St. Joseph's Food Pantry and Salem YMCA.

The “Community Winner's Circle” was established last year by Suffolk Downs in a continuation of the track's long-standing community outreach program. Each “Community Winner's Circle” honoree is recognized by the track in a post-race winner's circle ceremony and with a contribution to their cause.

Parking and admission were free for Salem residents. In addition to a full card of live racing, the track provided free family entertainment, including pony rides, carnival games, face painting and a balloon artist, at its outdoor tent, picnic area and playground. All in attendance had the opportunity to have their picture taken with a racehorse and jockey at the track's “Fan Photo Experience.”

The remaining schedule of “Commitment to Community” days at Suffolk Downs is as follows: Lynn (July 18), Winthrop (July 25), Revere (August 1), Saugus (August 8) and East Boston (August 22).