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BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY DONATES \$81,500 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH ANNUAL "CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY" PROGRAM

Funding supports organizations whose work improves the quality of life in the Frankfort community

FRANKFORT, KY (January 17, 2024) - Buffalo Trace Distillery today announces the donation of \$81,500 to various local non-profit organizations in the Frankfort/Franklin County community.

The funding, part of the Distillery's 23rd annual "Contribution to the Community" program, supports organizations whose work improves the quality of life for those in need. This year, 21 organizations were selected to receive funding to support their work in the community. Services provided by the organizations include adult education, youth programming, free meals, sheltering animals, downtown beautification, emergency assistance and more.

"Frankfort and Franklin County has been our home for more than 200 years and we are proud to support these amazing organizations, whose work is making a difference to everyone who calls this community home," said Tyler Adams, Buffalo Trace Distillery general manager.

The following organizations received funds to support their work in the community:

- CASA of the Bluegrass, to support recruitment, screening and training of new volunteers;
- Downtown Frankfort Inc., to support tourism and beautification efforts of downtown Frankfort;
- Emergency Food Pantry of Franklin County, to support groceries for families in need;
- Frankfort Arts Foundation, to support cultural enrichment programming in Frankfort;
- American Red Cross Bluegrass Chapter, to support disaster relief for Kentuckians;
- Franklin County Council on Aging, to support the meals on wheels program;
- *Franklin County Humane Society,* to support shelter services, including vaccinations, spay/neuter services and food assistance;
- Fresh Start Frankfort, to support transitional housing services to families with children;
- *Bluegrass Care Navigators*, to support palliative and end-of-life care;
- Josephine Sculpture Park, to support the Barn Raisin': Conservation, Culture & Cuisine event;
- Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, to support programming in Franklin County schools;
- Kentucky Historical Society, to support oral history projects preserving Franklin County history;
- *The Kings Center,* to support a partnership with *Fresh Start Frankfort* to provide resources and support services to families with children;
- Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to support the Conservation Camp Scholarship Program;
- L.I.F.E. House for Animals, Inc., to support construction of new outdoor dog runs;

- *Preservation of Kentucky*, to support continued education and programming increasing awareness of preservation of historical buildings;
- Resource Office of Social Ministries, to support financial assistance services for families in need;
- *Salvation Army of Frankfort,* to support services such as rental assistance, stocking food pantries, transportation assistance and more.
- Sunshine Center & Family Abuse Services, Inc., to support stocking their Infant Supply Pantry with baby essentials;
- Thorn Hill Education Center, to support adult educational opportunities;
- YMCA of Central Kentucky, to support their Impact Campaign and youth programming.

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About Buffalo Trace Distillery

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1775 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is a National Historic Landmark as well as listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won 40 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as Whisky Magazine, Whisky Advocate Magazine and Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Its George T. Stagg was named World Whiskey of the Year for 2022 and its Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye was named 2*nd* Finest Whisky in the World for 2022. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 1,000 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. Buffalo Trace Distillery also has a deep commitment to supporting charitable initiatives. Nonprofit organizations interested in learning more about the Distillery's efforts are encouraged to register their charity here. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery, visit www.buffalotracedistillery.com. To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/media.