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Breckenridge Grand Vacations Grants over \$345k to Local Nonprofits

BRECKENRIDGE, COLO. (February 6, 2020) – Summit and Park County organizations have been awarded a total of \$347,220 as part of Breckenridge Grand Vacations' (BGV) Grants Program. The amount includes funding directly from BGV, The Rob Millisor Heart Health Fund and the Donor Advised and/or Endowment Funds at The Summit Foundation. A total of 37 local organizations were granted.

Managed by BGV Gives, BGV's philanthropic arm, the Grants Program offers funding to nonprofits during two annual cycles: one in the spring and another in the fall. During the recent fall 2019 cycle, a total of \$147,000 was granted to 11 organizations in the human services field; a total of \$136,500 was awarded to 16 nonprofits in the education area; and a total of \$36,000 was given to three organizations in the health category. Seven other beneficiaries in sports and recreation, and environment areas received a total of \$27,720.

"CASA of the Continental Divide's single focus is to change the story of a child's future," says executive director Karen Kaminski. "The support we receive from BGV Gives goes directly to supporting children who through no fault of their own experience trauma. BGV helps each child experience an adult who is a caring and consistent aspect in their lives at a critical time." The organization advocates for services for children abused or neglected which may include therapy, tutoring, assessment for special needs, engagement in activities, and more.

BGV's Grants Program was created to support nonprofit organizations in Summit and Park Counties through fundraising, sponsorships, grants, volunteering, and in-kind donations, with a focus on health, human services and education sectors. Additional eligible nonprofit categories include art and culture, environment, and sports and recreation sectors. The grants offered fund capital projects, special event sponsorships, programs, equipment, scholarships, educational materials, and general operating support, among other needs. It is part of Breckenridge Grand Vacations' efforts in playing a leading role in supporting the community, which also includes encouraging employees to volunteer at local events and for philanthropic causes through paid-volunteer hours.

“It is great to see that surrounding communities are benefiting from the great work of Breckenridge Grand Vacations,” says chairperson Gary Goettelman. “Without the help of these grants, we would not be able to build a baseball field in Fairplay that will benefit so many of our youth and adults. It takes a village to create a community, and Breckenridge Grand Vacations is doing their part to create a community we can all be proud of!”

To learn more about the BGV Gives Program, please contact Deb Edwards at (970) 547-8748.

ABOUT BGV GIVES

Founded in 2016, the BGV Gives Program was established to facilitate and further extend Breckenridge Grand Vacations’ philanthropic reach and impact in Summit County and the surrounding area. Inspired by the late BGV Owner/Developer, Rob Millisor, this charitable program honors his example of service to others by supporting the local nonprofit community. BGV is excited and humbled to continue Rob’s legacy of giving through fundraising, sponsorships, grants, volunteering and in-kind donations on behalf of those in need, with a primary focus on health, human services, education, art and culture, environment, and sports and recreation. With guidance from the BGV Gives Program Manager, Deb Edwards, this program is committed to growing BGV’s local contributions and inspiring fellow community members to give more by providing resources and opportunities to help others in need.