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Breckenridge Grand Vacations Opens Applications for Fall Grants Through October 1

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO (August 17, 2020) – Local nonprofits have until Thursday, October 1 before midnight to submit their applications to Breckenridge Grand Vacations' (BGV) Fall Grants Program. The program was created to support organizations in Summit and Park Counties through fundraising, sponsorships, grants, volunteering and in-kind donations, with a focus on areas including health, human services, education, art and culture, environment, sports and recreation.

Grants are awarded during two annual cycles: one in the spring and another in the fall. Managed by BGV Gives, the company's philanthropic arm, the program gave a total of \$159,100 during the most recent spring cycle and \$347,220 last fall, to over 28 organizations each cycle, funding capital projects, special event sponsorships, programs, equipment, scholarships, educational materials, and general operating support, among other needs.

Applications follow two categories: one for requests of \$1,000 or less and in-kind donations, and another for requests over \$1,000 also including in-kind donations. BGV Gives recommends applicants review the program's funding priorities prior to applying. Among many requirements of the grant, nonprofits must demonstrate the grant request will offer a measurable benefit to the community. This is especially important and significant now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications must be submitted in PDF format by October 1, 2020 via email to BGV Gives Program Manager Deb Edwards at <u>dedwards@breckgv.com</u>. For inquiries regarding grant eligibility and for the current application, please visit <u>BGVGives.org</u> or contact Edwards at (970) 547-8748 or (970) 406-0391.

Breckenridge Grand Vacations has a history of playing an active role in the community, encouraging its employees to volunteer at local events and for philanthropic causes through its paid volunteer hours program. Annually, BGV employees donate thousands of hours of volunteer service to community organizations. BGV also supports our community as one of the largest local employers with nearly 600 staff members, fostering a culture of excellence in customer service that develops and supports its employees.

To learn more about the BGV Gives Program, contact Deb Edwards at <u>dedwards@breckgv.com</u> or 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, BGV Gives 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.