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BIGHORN Cares Grants Over \$500,000 47 Coachella Valley Non-Profits

Palm Desert, California (January 11, 2016) – BIGHORN Golf Club Charities is proud to announce the distribution of over \$500,000 in grants from its BIGHORN Cares program to 47 qualified non-profit organizations whose work benefits the most under-served citizens in the Coachella Valley. BIGHORN Golf Club Charities developed the BIGHORN Cares program to fund specific projects produced by local non-profit organizations that demonstrate a need and are significantly impacting the quality of life for the people they serve.

“The Coachella Valley is home to many well-run non-profits that do important work,” shares Bighorn Cares Chairman Joe Kirby. “BIGHORN Members generously combine their funds to support organizations that are instrumental in bettering the lives of those they serve. These select organizations are creating brighter future for individuals and their families in the Coachella Valley.”

Over 100 Valley non-profits applied for the BIGHORN Cares program, requesting \$1.4 million in funds, all with impressive programs and services that enrich the community. The types of organizations receiving grants service a broad range of people and programs — from educational outreach, afterschool care, maternity care, and childhood disabilities to housing and shelter, cancer care services, foster care, health screenings and military programs. Every eligible non-profit was researched thoroughly with due diligence that included a site visit and interviews.

Congratulations to the following BIGHORN Cares Recipients:

1. Act for MS – funds will provide a year of aquatic therapy and physical education for Multiple Sclerosis adults and children
2. American Outreach Foundation – funds will purchase 100 batteries for refurbished wheelchairs and scooters given to patients who can't afford them
3. Assistance League of Palm Springs Desert Area – funds will support Operation School Bell supplying clothing, shoes, and backpack distribution for underserved children
4. Baseball Buddies – funds will support disabled children's baseball equipment and field rental
5. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert, Inc. – funds will support the Indio site-based mentoring program
6. Blood Bank of San Bernardino & Riverside Counties (Lifestream) – funds will purchase donor beds for mobile drives
7. Bob Hope USO – funds will purchase seating, a commercial- grade microwave, and computer desks and chairs for our soldiers to be able to communicate with their families
8. Boys & Girls Clubs – Coachella Valley – funds will purchase an outdoor mist system to cool off kids in the summer and technology
9. Boys & Girls Clubs – Desert Hot Springs – funds will refurbish the gym floor and purchase carpet tile for teen rooms
10. Boys & Girls Clubs – Indio – funds will purchase new floor games and two research computers

11. Boys & Girls Clubs – La Quinta – funds for a new air conditioning and heating unit for dance and boxing/weightlifting rooms
12. Boys & Girls Clubs – Mecca – funds for new floor games and seating for teens
13. Braille Institute Ranch Mirage – funds for Connection Pointe technology serving people who are experiencing sight loss
14. Camp of Champions – funds will purchase a new trailer for this sports clinic serving an elementary and middle school children’s youth programs
15. Central Valley Little League – funds will repair baseball and softball fields, provide dugouts and bleachers, and repair drinking fountains used by 1,000 residents over the year
16. Children’s Discovery Museum – funds technology for school educational programs
17. Coachella Valley Housing Coalition – funds will implement an intergenerational wellness program for youth and seniors including a working garden for 1,335 Coachella residents
18. Coachella Valley Rescue Mission – funds will purchase a 7-passenger van to transport families to school, daycare, medical, and counseling appointments
19. College of the Desert Foundation – funds to provide textbooks for more than 100 military veterans
20. Desert Cancer Foundation – funds for new technology for their Patient Assistance Program
21. Desert Recreation Foundation – funds will purchase bikes and support the Salton Sea’s Mecca weekly fitness components activities
22. Family YMCA of the Desert – funds will support technology upgrades for teachers and students from low income families
23. Father’s Heart Ranch – funds will assist with outdoor recreation upgrades for neglected and abused boys who reside in the home
24. FIND Food Bank – funds will purchase two electric pallet jacks to assist the handling of food within their large service area that feeds thousands of families every year
25. Galilee Center – funds will support backpack, school supplies, and shoe distribution program for 3,000 students in Coachella and Mecca every year
26. Hanson House Foundation – funds support facility upgrades with two commercial refrigerators and playroom upgrades
27. INCIGHT – funds will develop an ice sled hockey program for kids with disabilities including uniforms, equipment, and ice rink time
28. John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation – given that 35% of children entering kindergarten lack basic language skills needed to learn to read, we will fund the purchase of 1,500 books given to low-income families through the pediatricians who will stress to the parents the importance of reading
29. La Quinta Middle School, Fitness School of Champions – funds will purchase supplies and equipment for sports and activities provided for kids (85% of the population) who receive free or reduced-price lunches and cannot afford athletic activities
30. La Palmitas Elementary – funds will sponsor 25 top students in 5th and 6th grades to attend science and engineering camp at the Pali Institute
31. Los Medicos Voladores (The Flying Doctors) – funds will purchase blood glucose meters and medical screens for privacy for mammography services during an annual health day for 2,000 underserved citizens providing health, vision, and dental screenings
32. Mama’s House – funds will provide cooking supplies for their Healthy Living & Caring Program and support the Courage to Carry Program benefitting pregnant moms without a home or resources for caring for a child
33. Martha’s Village & Kitchen – funds will purchase a professional-grade food steamer and dishwasher for their Food Services Program serving over 600 meals a day and 250,000 meals to 6,249 unduplicated individuals in one year
34. Neuro Vitality Center (formally Stroke Recovery Center) – funds will purchase critical exercise therapy equipment to serve up to 100 patients improving their physical functioning and mobility
35. Olive Crest – funds to support a gym for at-risk youth, ages 18-25 from broken or abusive homes, within their transitional housing program
36. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School – funds will purchase a playground system and shade structure to build a safe place where East Valley school children can enjoy physical activity (currently they only have a basketball court and no shade)

37. Paws & Hearts, Animal Assisted Therapy – funds support the addition of more volunteer teams who need to be trained, insured, and given supplies in order for each individual to visit 30 patients each week, totaling 7,800 visits per year!
38. Pegasus Therapeutic Riding – funds shade screens that are needed to cover 80% of the riding area for physical therapy sessions for 200 disabled children during animal therapy riding experiences
39. Pueblo Unido CDC – fund will cover costs for job search assistance, training opportunities, job development, and youth leadership development for East Valley low-income families
40. Red Hot Ballroom – funds will purchase clothing for 1,000 at-risk children involved in ballroom dancing, which helps develop social skills, learn manners, successfully interact, and accomplish skills
41. Soroptimist House of Home – funds will help improve and repair current house and roof impacting the living conditions of women with substance abuse disorders
42. The Knights of Columbus – funds to support Feeding the Homeless program that serves over 100 meals in the East Valley for the homeless who cannot make it into the center
43. The LGBT Community Center of the Desert – funds support the Youth Suicide Prevention & Anti-Bullying Program for the Palm Springs Unified School District
44. The Narrow Door – funds will help reconfigure food service and family space planning for the 1,000 homeless families they assist every year
45. The Ranch Recovery Centers – funds upgrades to the Women’s Facilities at Hacienda Valdez including new metal beds to detour bed bugs and a new commercial stove and oven
46. Well in the Desert – funds the Be Cool homeless shelter program that offers a cool spot from 3-6 p.m.
47. Xavier College Preparatory High School – funds will purchase an 8-seat transport van to take students three times per week to Mountain View housing projects, assisting at-risk students with reading and comprehension (students fulfill countless hours of Christian service and many kids travel to help younger ones improve their education)

BIGHORN Golf Club Charities

Since its inception in 2006, BIGHORN Golf Club Charities has gifted over \$6.7 million in local funding to support wellness programs, education, the arts, and building the BIGHORN Golf Club Charities Veterans Resource Center at College of the Desert for the 400 warriors attending the institution. Bighorn Golf Club Charities is the parent organization for both BIGHORN BAM, which funds a number of local cancer related causes, and BIGHORN Cares, which funds specific projects for local non-profits that demonstrate a need and make a real difference in the quality of life for people in the Coachella Valley.

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