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Breckenridge Grand Vacations Awards Local Nonprofits Over \$300,000 in Grants and Sponsorships

BRECKENRIDGE, COLO. (November 12, 2018) – Breckenridge Grand Vacations (BGV) has donated a total of \$306,680 in grants to local nonprofits since opening applications for its Fall 2018 Grant Cycle in September, benefiting 32 organizations in both Summit and Park Counties. This year, the Grants Program has awarded a total of \$601,930 in grants, sponsorships, and heart health funding – an increase of 49 percent compared to last year’s total allocation of both Spring and Fall Grants.

Breckenridge Grand Vacations awards grants to local organizations during two annual cycles: one in the spring and another in the fall. The BGV Grants Program is managed by BGV Gives, a program 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. Under the leadership of BGV Gives Program Manager Deb Edwards, the Grants Program has pushed BGV to extend its commitment to support the local community by donating more than \$1 million annually, a number distributed among the two grant cycles, employee assistance fund contributions, donations to The Summit Foundation and other local organizations, sponsorship of local charitable events, and in-kind spa and lodging certificates to many local charities, among other philanthropic efforts.

“Supporting community initiatives is a core value for our company and our employees. We believe that it is important to protect and invest in our community for our employees and our guests. Over the years as we’ve grown as a company, we’ve also grown our support for our community through donations and contributions to our local nonprofit organizations.” expressed Edwards.

During this year’s fall cycle, \$46,180 was granted to three organizations in the health sector: Red, White & Blue Fire Protection District; Starting Hearts and the Summit Community Care Clinic. From that total, \$26,180 was allocated from The Rob Millisor Heart Health Fund. Nine human services organizations received a total of \$103,000, including the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center, Summit County Rescue Group, and the Treetop Child Advocacy Center, while fifteen educational nonprofits were awarded a total of \$122,000, including the Backstage Theatre, Carriage House Early Learning Center, High Country Conservation Center and the National Repertory Orchestra. Five other local beneficiaries received a total of \$35,500, including the Lake Dillon Theatre Company, Summit Concert Band and Summit Hockey.

The nonprofit support BGV provides to the community is a source of great pride to its employees – a huge reason the company is considered the employer of choice in Summit County. In addition to charitable giving, Breckenridge Grand Vacations also encourages its employees to have an active role in the community by volunteering their time at local events and for philanthropic causes. This past summer, more than 100 volunteers (consisting of both BGV employees and community members) supported The Rob Millisor Heart Health Walk, contributing to the success of the event and raising more

than \$172,000 to fund heart health programs, education and research. Annually, BGV employees volunteer nearly 2,000 hours to support nonprofit organizations in our community.

To learn more about the BGV Gives Program, please contact Deb Edwards at 970-547-8748 or dedwards@breckgv.com.

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 and education. With guidance from 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.