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Prairie Meadows Donates More Than \$5 Million through Grant Programs

Community Betterment and Legacy Grants Create a Brighter Future for Central Iowa

July 17 – Altoona, IA. Prairie Meadows has given a record amount in charitable donations to the community this year. As a non-profit organization, Prairie Meadows strives to promote economic development, jobs, agriculture, and tourism in the state of Iowa. To continue their dedication to this goal, they awarded more than \$5 million to deserving charities and organizations through their Community Betterment and Legacy Grant programs. The annual Community Impact Luncheon to honor the recipients was held on Friday, July 14.

“As a non-profit company, it is our mission to support our community. From funding meals for hungry children to renovating city parks, Prairie Meadows continues to make a huge difference in the lives of Iowans in 2017,” said Julie Stewart, Prairie Meadows’ Director of Community Relations.

Grant recipients include organizations such as Blank Park Zoo, ALS Association (Iowa Chapter), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa, Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines Arts Festival, Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines Park & Recreation Foundation, Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, and many more. In all, Prairie Meadows’ donations will help make 226 projects possible throughout Central Iowa. For a full list of recipients, visit prairiameadows.com/community/betterment-grants and prairiameadows.com/community/legacy-grants.

“Our team is not only passionate about making Prairie Meadows the premier entertainment destination of the Midwest, but also about transforming the lives of those living in Central Iowa,” said Gary Palmer, CEO and President of Prairie Meadows.

Since 1995, Prairie Meadows has given back more than \$1.64 billion through taxes, grants, and charitable donations to the state of Iowa. More than \$721 million has remained in Polk County. For more information on Prairie Meadows’ community giving, visit prairiameadows.com/community.

About Prairie Meadows

Prairie Meadows began operations as a non-profit organization in 1989 with the goal of promoting economic development, jobs, agriculture, and tourism in the state of Iowa. Through taxes, grants, and charitable donations, Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1.64 billion to the state of Iowa. Prairie Meadows offers more than 1,900 slot machines, table games, live and simulcast racing, hotel accommodations, entertainment, and more.

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