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13th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival Raises More than \$16,000 for Local Organizations, Supports Local Businesses

Gettysburg, Pa. – The 13th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival, hosted by the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Sept. 9-10, promoted Pennsylvania wine, supported local businesses and boosted the area economy all while raising more than \$16,000 for local organizations.

More than 7,500 attendees sampled and purchased thousands of bottles of wine from 27 Pennsylvania wineries, enjoyed offerings from more than 50 food and craft vendors and danced to the region's best live music.

“The Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival started 13 years ago to support the local community,” said Jennifer McCleaf, event organizer. “The festival is a community effort and it only makes sense to say ‘thank you’ and give back to the non-profit organizations that make Adams County a great place to live work and play.”

In addition to supporting activities of the non-profit Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, other organizations benefiting from the festival include:

- Gettysburg Fire Department and Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services, more than \$2,000 from visitors who used parking lots;
- Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services, \$500 for ambulance support;
- Freedom Transit, \$1,000 for transportation services;
- Gettysburg Rocks, an organization that supports Penn State's Four Diamonds Fund, \$1,900 for support with music acts;
- Battlefield FFA, \$1,000 for their work during festival clean-up;
- SCPA Land Sharks youth baseball league, \$750 for their work during festival clean-up;
- Service Dogs for Heroes, \$868.68 donated by visitors;
- Boy Scout Troop #71, \$250 for their work during festival clean-up;
- Rotary Club of Gettysburg, \$250 for their work in the wine check area; and
- Straban Township, with more than \$8,500 in permitting and fees.

“Many of our festival attendees are visiting from other parts of Pennsylvania and other states. They help drive our local economy by booking hotel rooms, eating at local restaurants and shopping at local stores,” added McCleaf.

As a direct result of the festival, visitors booked 175 hotel packages at the 1863 Inn of Gettysburg, Comfort Suites, Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg, Eisenhower Hotel and Wyndham Gettysburg.

“The festival could not happen without the support of the many chamber member businesses that support the festival as vendors, volunteers or through financial and in-kind donations,” added McCleaf.

The festival was organized by a 15-member volunteer committee, with support from chamber staff. Additionally, 210 local volunteers helped set up and operate the event.

Chamber member vendors included Brookmere Wine & Tasting Room, Buddy Boy Winery, Brother Floyd’s Righteous Pickles, Sam’s Club and The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg.

Primary sponsors were Adams Electric Cooperative Inc., Gateway Gettysburg, Sam’s Club, Steve Rice Law, Susquehanna Style, The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg and UPMC Pinnacle Hanover Hospital. Supporting local businesses included: BG&H Investigators, Brienna Richelle Photography, Comfort Suites Gettysburg, Eicholtz Co., Event Central, Freedom Transit, Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg Tour Center, Golf Cart Services, HACC – Gettysburg Campus, L&H Mechanical & Electrical Services, McCleaf Landscaping, Roaring Springs Water, Schmuck Lumber Company, Staff Amusements and Waste Management.

The 2018 Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival is set for Sept. 8-9. For more information, visit www.gettysburgwine.com or call 717-334-8151. Find the festival on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GettysburgWineAndMusicFestival.

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