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## **Encino Energy, Vendors Donate \$80,000 Toward Local Charities**

The Local Charities Selected Will Provide Long Lasting Positive Impacts to the Communities in Which Encino Operates

**Carrollton, OH** – Encino Energy and its vendors made major donations stemming from Encino Energy's Vendor Charity Classic. Last <u>year</u>, Encino created the event to give thanks to those vendors and contractors who choose to work with the Company and are a major reason for its success.

This year's gathering expanded upon last year's luncheon and developed into a two day event consisting of a clay shoot, golf outing and welcome reception. Vendors came together to sponsor the event at various levels where the proceeds went directly toward local charities that impact Encino's operational area. With 33 Sponsors, Encino and its vendors raised \$80,000, which was split evenly between four charitable causes.

Patterson-UTI and Tetra Technologies, Inc. were just a couple of Encino vendors who generously sponsored the successful Vendor Appreciation Event.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to build on our relationship with Encino Energy to give back to the people and communities where we work and live," said Marty Unrien, Senior Vice President of Sales at Patterson-UTI. "By working together with Encino and other industry businesses, we hope to provide meaningful support to these organizations that provide invaluable resources to these communities, families and people."

Brandon Mitchell, Regional General Manager of Completion Fluids and Water and Flowback Services at Tetra Technologies explained the importance of what these events mean for the organizations that aim to positively impact Appalachia.

"We are honored to have participated in this event alongside Encino Energy and the many organizations that came together to support the community in Appalachia. We look forward to supporting more events like these to help bring meaningful, positive change to individuals and families in the region."

The first of the \$20,000 donations went toward the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO). A regional community foundation serving Appalachian Ohio's 32 counties, the organization creates opportunities for the people and communities of Appalachian Ohio by inspiring and supporting philanthropy. Encino and FAO have previously <u>partnered</u> during the company's vendor event, last year. Encino's check presentation to the Foundation doubled over the last year and is a reflection of the Foundation's work that has been a driving force in bringing positive change where Encino's employees and vendors live and operate.



"We're very grateful for the generous support provided by Encino and their vendors and the continued partnership," said Cara Dingus Brook, FAO president and CEO. "This support will contribute to projects that improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide new access to arts and cultural experiences in Appalachian Ohio."

The second donation of \$20,000 supported the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation (MWCF). The nonprofit charitable organization, dedicated to supporting the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, has worked alongside Encino in previous years. Recently, Encino and MWCF announced their historic partnership as Encino committed to a \$100,000 donation that will go back to impact community projects in MWCF's core operational area. The Foundation's mission of ensuring the health and safety of those in its watershed aligns directly with Encino's and its vendor's values and the donation will help ensure that their mission is met.

"We continue to be greatly impacted by the generosity of Encino Energy and look forward to our partnership for the next 5 years," stated Sheila Hurley, Executive Director of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation. "We want to generously thank all the sponsors who participated and supported Encino Energy in their philanthropic endeavors."

The third major investment of \$20,000 was made to The Brightside Project. The Brightside Project was launched in 2016 to positively impact the children of Columbiana County and surrounding communities that are battling against hunger, poverty, drug abuse, neglect and other complex emotional and mental health issues.

On behalf of The Brightside Project, we were honored to be selected as one of the four nonprofits to receive a \$20,000 donation from Encino Energy's Charity Classic Golf Outing," said Scott Lewis, Founder and Executive Director of The Brightside Project. "The donation will help us continue our mission of reaching out to children in Columbiana County. We could not do what we do without partners like Encino Energy. We thank all the sponsors of this wonderful event.

The final investment of \$20,000 went to the Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition (MVMC). MVMC provides a network for Mahoning Valley manufacturers to identify common needs and problem-solve with their partners, sharing ideas and resources to develop a skilled workforce. The new partnership formed between Encino and MVMC is driven by a need to meet the demand of a skilled workforce within the oil and natural gas industry.

"MVMC is grateful to have been selected as a recipient of funds from the Encino Vendor Charity Classic," said Jessica Borza, MVMC Executive Director. "We will use the funds to continue our mission of working together to build the talent pipeline to help drive manufacturing growth in our region."

"For our first year throwing a charity event of this size, we are extremely proud of the amount raised towards charitable causes thanks to our vendors," stated Ray Walker, Chief Operating Officer of Encino Energy. "The great reputation of these four groups preceds themselves and we believe that they are well deserving of these investments. The charitable funds raised will go a long way in bringing meaningful change to not just the region, but the whole state of Ohio as well. As we continue to find ways in making a positive impact on our employee's lives, vendors lives and the lives of the citizens in the communities in



which we operate, we will continue to work with our vendors by doing the right things for the right reasons."

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About Encino Energy: Encino Energy is one of the largest private oil and natural gas producers in the U.S. and a top 25 North American natural gas producer. While headquartered in Houston, Encino's operations in the prolific Northern Utica Shale make it the largest oil producer in Ohio and the second-largest natural gas producer in the state.

About Foundation for Appalachian Ohio: The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is a regional community foundation serving Appalachian Ohio's 32 counties with the mission to create opportunities for Appalachian Ohio's citizens and communities by inspiring and supporting philanthropy.

About Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation: The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to supporting the mission of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) by providing financial resources that enhance facilities, programs, and conservation efforts on or adjacent to District lands and waters.

About The Brightside Project: The Brightside Project, a faith-based 501c3 non-profit organization, was launched in 2016 by a father-daughter team, Scott Lewis and Lisa Wallace. With more than 20 years of combined experience working with low-income and underserved families they decided to launch a non-profit that would reach out directly to children.

About <u>Mahoning Valley Manufacturers Coalition</u>: MVMC provides a network for Mahoning Valley manufacturers to identify common needs and problem-solve with their partners, sharing ideas and resources to develop a skilled workforce.