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Old Bill's reaches new heights in 27th year

Jackson, WY – The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole announced that Old Bill's Fun Run 2023 raised a total of \$27,946,089 in support of local nonprofits, an increase of 40% over last year. This effort represents 24,197 individual gifts from 4,091 donors. The match pool, created with gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill, CoChallengers and Friends totaled \$5,407,117, and participating organizations received \$22,538,972 in gifts designated specifically for them. Over the last twenty-seven years, Old Bill's has generated a total of \$256,660,433 for Teton County nonprofits.

"Old Bill's is a reflection of the character of our community – it's beautiful, supportive, and overflowing with enthusiasm," said Community Foundation President Laurie Andrews, "It's remarkable to play a part in this event and to watch how our community rallies for the greater good of our nonprofits and the spectrum of causes these organizations serve."

Participating organizations received a 66% matching grant through Old Bill's this year, which means that nonprofits that raised \$30,000 or more in designated gifts received a matching grant of \$19,740 from the Community Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill generously provided the first \$1,000,000 in matching funds for this year's event. Since the event's inception, Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill have donated \$15,000,000 to the match pool. This Giving Season, twelve CoChallengers increased their gift and sixteen CoChallengers donated to the Old Bill's Match Fund for the first time. In total, a record 99 CoChallengers partnered with Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill this year. CoChallengers and Friends of the Match do not designate their gifts for specific nonprofits, and instead, their gifts provide the matching grants that all participating nonprofits receive.

"Old Bill's brings our community together in support of our local nonprofits and the important work they are doing," said Julie O'Halloran, Board Chair of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. "The tremendous generosity of the thousands of community members makes Old Bill's possible each year."

The Community Foundation fundraises the entirety of the Match Pool, which provides Old Bill's matching grants, covers administration for the event so nonprofits participate for free, and supports the Foundation's grants programs. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Old Bill, the CoChallengers, and all the donors and volunteers who make this event successful.



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Awards Celebration

On Wednesday, October 25, the Community Foundation held its Annual Awards Party at The Center where participating nonprofits were invited to pick up their grant award checks and celebrate this year's banner Giving Season.

During the event, Laurie Andrews awarded *The Spirit of Old Bill's Award* to Molly and Wayne Hughes of the Hughes Charitable Foundation for their transformative gift of \$6 million dollars. This donation will support housing and staff sustainability for nine Human Service Council organizations and three front-line agencies (Teton County Sheriff's Department, Jackson Police Department, and Jackson Hole Fire/EMS). Through this gift, the Hughes Charitable Foundation is embodying the values of Old Bill's by unlocking and securing the future for this essential workforce. *The Spirit of Old Bill's Award* recognizes community members who demonstrate outstanding leadership, innovation, enthusiasm, integrity, and compassion as they go above and beyond to help our community.

"*The Spirit of Old Bill's* represents a collective desire to improve the lives of everyone in Jackson," stated Andrews. "The Hughes Charitable Foundation is making transformative investments in Teton County nonprofits focused on supporting the well-being of community members who are in need, and we're thrilled to acknowledge and celebrate the Hughes' efforts."

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Check Pickup

Unclaimed grant checks will be held at the Community Foundation. Organizations that do not pick up their check by November 30 will forfeit the matching grant. Checks will not be mailed. Please contact Suzanne Rees (srees@cfjacksonhole.org) with questions about check pickup.

About Old Bill's Fun Run

One of the most innovative philanthropic initiatives in the nation, Old Bill's Fun Run is also one of the most successful. Twenty-seven years ago, a generous couple, fondly known as Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill, envisioned a collaborative initiative to support local nonprofits. For the first time, organizations came together in an efficient, unified fundraiser that raised awareness of local nonprofits and community needs.

Since its inception, Old Bill's has brought an astounding \$256 million philanthropic dollars to our community. These funds are busy feeding the hungry, supporting the sick and elderly, teaching kids to read, protecting wildlife, building affordable housing, enriching our lives



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through the arts, and touching the lives of everyone in Teton County. Old Bill's is administered by the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. For more information, visit oldbills.org

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