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PRESS RELEASE

The League Club Awards Naples Therapeutic Riding Center \$15,000.00

Naples, FL–April 16, 2024–The League Club awarded \$15,000.00 to support Naples Therapeutic Riding Center (NTRC). The grant will support NTRC’s Unmounted Program, which provides unique equine-assisted therapies to individuals who may be unable to participate in the therapeutic riding program. Unmounted equine programs utilize the equine-human connection to facilitate learning, confidence, independence, trust, and life skills. The Unmounted Program supports individuals with special needs by providing therapeutic experiences through caring for and working with horses in hand compared to riding.

“We are thrilled and incredibly grateful to The League Club for their generous grant to Naples Therapeutic Riding Center! This grant will allow us to expand our unmounted programs, making equine therapy more accessible to even more members of our community. At Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, we believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the healing power of horses, and this grant brings us one step closer to that goal.” - Laura Burns, Executive Director, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center

“We are blessed to have received the grant from The League Club. Your support will significantly impact our needs to expand our ground-based programs. We are deeply thankful for your belief in our mission so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our participants.” - Cathy Chickerell, Event & Donor Manager, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center

Mary Ann Lillie, President 2023-2024, The League Club: “For over 37 years, The League Club has honored its Commitment to Community by raising funds and distributing them through grants made to carefully vetted nonprofit agencies throughout Collier and Lee counties. These grants address the needs of at-risk children, families, the elderly and veterans. To date, The League Club has awarded over \$7.3 million dollars to deserving grant applicants. The League Club is proud of our Commitment to Community and our ability to assist agencies dealing with food scarcity, housing, education, physical and mental health, and the arts. While fulfilling our mission, we are helping to fill the critical human needs that exist in our communities. This mission is truly the heart and soul of The League Club.”

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The League Club has selected and awarded grants to 35 area nonprofit organizations totaling \$683,000. Over 37 years, The League Club has provided \$7.3 million in grants to 217 nonprofit organizations in Collier and Lee counties supporting children, families, the elderly and veterans. Funding for these grants come from the TLC's Community Trust Fund. These monies are raised from The League Club's Annual Fundraiser, NAPLES TABLES® held every spring in Naples, Florida, and from the generosity of The League Club members and donors in the community.

About The League Club: The League Club, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of women who are current or former members of a Junior League affiliated with The Association of Junior Leagues International. The mission of our organization is to strengthen our communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism, and philanthropy.

About Naples Therapeutic Riding Center: Established in 1997, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center (NTRC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and equine-related group programs. With a dedicated staff, a herd of 14 horses, and the assistance of over 500 volunteers, NTRC provides equine-assisted therapies to more than 800 participants annually. NTRC is the only Center in Collier County accredited at the "premier" level by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. For more information on programs or volunteer opportunities, visit NaplesTherapeuticRidingCenter.org or call 239-596-2988.