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11th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival Supports Local Businesses, Raises Nearly \$8,000 for Local Charities

Gettysburg, Pa. – The 11th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival, hosted by the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Sept. 12-13, promoted Pennsylvania wine, supported local businesses and boosted the area economy.

Despite wet weather, nearly 6,000 attendees sampled and purchased thousands of bottles of wine from 25 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 11 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 \$5,000 from visitors who used parking lots;
- Battlefield FFA, \$1,700 for their work during festival clean-up; and
- Wounded Warrior Project, \$970 donated by visitors.

The festival was organized by an 11-member volunteer committee, with support from chamber staff. Additionally, close to 200 local volunteers helped set up and operate the event.

“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.

Chamber member vendors included Brother Floyd's Righteous Pickles, Hauser Estate Winery, Knob Hall Winery and Put On The Feedbag Catering.

Local businesses that supported the festival included: Adams Electric Cooperative Inc., Graphcom, Gateway Gettysburg, Mooney & Associates, Gettysburg Tour Center, Eicholtz Co., Event Central, Golf Cart Services, L&H Mechanical & Electrical Services, McKee Agency Allstate, Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, Roaring Springs Water, Susquehanna Style Magazine, Schmuck Lumber Company and Waste Management.

“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.

More than 150 hotel packages were sold for the 1863 Inn of Gettysburg, Comfort Suites, Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg, Eisenhower Hotel and Wyndham Gettysburg.

The 2016 Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival is set for Sept. 10-11. 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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