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The Big Fresno Fair Seeks Nominations for Two Prestigious Recognition Programs *Honoring individuals with exceptional passion for the Fair and the betterment of Fresno County*

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA...May 13, 2016...The Big Fresno Fair is now accepting nominations for two of its most prestigious recognition programs – The Big Fresno Fair Hall of Fame, which is in its 10th year, and The Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Awards, now in its 9th year.

The Big Fresno Fair **Hall of Fame** honors individuals who have demonstrated long-time continued support and extraordinary passion for the betterment of the annual Big Fresno Fair. The Hall of Fame honors those who have been involved with The Big Fresno Fair, whether that is as a long-standing exhibitor, a previous employee, volunteer or community proponent and supporter, for their continued efforts to preserve the longstanding tradition that is The Big Fresno Fair. Since its inception in 2007, there have been 42 individuals inducted into the Fair's Hall of Fame. The 2015 Hall of Fame inductees included: Electric Motor Shop, the Frank & Florence Caglia Family and Mike Kludjian. Go to www.FresnoFair.com/hall-fame to download the nomination form.

The Big Fresno Fair's **Community Champions Awards** formally recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary passion for the betterment of Fresno County. Awards are given in four categories: Youth, Volunteer, Humanitarian, Educator and a Special Award if appropriate. The Fair needs the community's help in bringing attention to those individuals so that they can be recognized. Since its inception in 2008, a total of 37 individuals have been recognized as community champions. The winners of The Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Awards in 2015 were Captain Dwaine and Deborah Breazeale – Community Champion, Volunteer, George Milutinovich – Community Champion, Humanitarian, Jim and Jennifer Yovino – Community Champion, Educator and Captain Pete Dern – Community Champion, Special Award. Go to www.FresnoFair.com/community-champions to download the nomination form.

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“These programs are an excellent way to bring together the Fair’s Board of Directors, Management, staff and the public in an effort to demonstrate our gratitude to hard-working individuals and show them that their commitment to the Fair and our community has not gone unnoticed,” said John C. Alkire, CEO of The Big Fresno Fair.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2016 Big Fresno Fair Hall of Fame and Community Champions Awards. The deadline for submissions is **August 15, 2016**. There is no limit on the number of nominations an individual or organization can make.

Once individuals are nominated by a community individual, Big Fresno Fair staff or past Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors, nominations will be reviewed by The Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors at their August Board meeting. At that time the Fair Board will vote on Hall of Fame inductees and Community Champions Award winners. Those individuals will then be formally announced and recognized at Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 and will receive prominent visual recognition at the Fairgrounds and on The Big Fresno Fair website.

Attachments:

- **Big Fresno Fair Hall of Fame Nomination Form**
- **Big Fresno Fair Community Champions Nomination Form**
- **Hall of Fame Logo**
- **Community Champions Logo**

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