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Eagle Rare Bourbon Announces Leading Nominees for 2015 Rare Life Award; Still Time to Nominate and Vote For Grand Prize Winner to Receive \$50,000 Donation For Charity

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FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Sept. 30, 2014) With \$80,000 in prize money available to charitable causes, [Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey](#) announced the leading nominees for its 2015 [Rare Life Award](#), an award that recognizes people whose lives embody Eagle Rare's passion for excellence and demonstrate the epitome of courage, leadership, survival, heroism, devotion and character.

Nominations are still being accepted through January 6, 2015. Winners will be selected from among the top 20 stories that receive the most votes, with \$50,000 awarded to the grand prize winner's charity early next year. In addition to the grand prize, six others will be selected for each key Rare Life characteristic and awarded \$5,000 for the charity of their choice. This is the fifth year for the Rare Life campaign, and the 2015 awards will bring total grants to date for charities to \$240,000.

With only three months remaining in the nomination process, the votes are very close so far. The leading nominees who have received the most votes since the contest launched are (in alphabetical order):

- Bridgette Booth – Fresno, Calif.
- Charles Dwyer – Senatobia, Miss.
- Ashley Boyd Gann – Lexington, Ky.
- Howard Garrett – Freeland, Wash.
- Marge Gibson – Antigo, Wisc.
- Andy Harpole – Louisville, Ky.
- Greg Houser – Columbus, Ohio

- Kenneth Knabenshue – Milo, Tenn.
- Amanda Lollar – Weatherford, Texas
- Jesse Mercure – Ohioville, Pa.
- Alana Miller – Charlotte, N.C.
- Dr. Andrew Moore – Lexington, Ky.
- Mika Moulton – Palm Springs, Calif.
- Brooke Pennypacker – Berlin, Wisc.
- Melissa Phelps – Erlanger, Ky.
- Shanda Renee – Eagle Rock, Calif.
- Roger Reynolds – Richmond, Va.
- Rick Staab – Gainesville, Fla.
- Tia Maria Torres – New Orleans
- Christina Valentine – Virginia Beach, Va.

The leading nominees' stories address involvement in battling childhood diseases, animal rescue, service dogs, and helping veterans and military families cope with the rigors of service and its aftermath.

Kris Comstock, Eagle Rare Bourbon brand manager said, "We have enjoyed watching the number of nominees grow over the years, and we are inspired by the stories of people who are dedicating their lives to causes close to their hearts. We are still accepting nominees and votes online at www.eaglerarelife.com."

More than 200 stories have been submitted through Eagle Rare's website since the contest launched in late May. The Grand Prize award winner will be awarded a \$50,000 donation for the charity of their choice and also receive an award ceremony in the winner's hometown hosted by Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

Entries are available to view online at the Eagle Rare website, www.eaglerarelife.com. Individuals can continue to submit new nominations and vote for nominees through January 6, 2015. Winners will be announced in March of 2015.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.eaglerarelife.com.

About Eagle Rare Bourbon

Eagle Rare Bourbon Whiskey is part of the award-winning Buffalo Trace Distillery, an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, (Franklin County), Kentucky. The Distillery's rich distilling tradition dates back to 1786 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Eagle Rare Bourbon is a 10-year-old single barrel bourbon that has won multiple awards, including five double gold medals from the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. To learn more about Eagle Rare visit www.eaglerarelife.com.

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