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**Edgewater, Maryland based The Brick Companies prioritizes social responsibility**

*Over \$200,000 donated to local Baltimore Washington Region Charities in 2021*

Edgewater, MD – February 17, 2022 - Committed to doing their part for the communities where they live, work and play, The Brick Companies proudly supported several charitable organizations in 2021 by donating over \$200,000. “As a fifth-generation family-owned company, we thrive by staying focused on our mission to support the environment and our communities” said Lex Birney, CEO of The Brick Companies. The highlight of 2021 was the \$100,000 donation made to Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) in April 2021 to honor Mr. Arthur “Art” Birney, Lex’s father. CRAB provides the thrill, freedom, and therapeutic value of sailing to people with disabilities, recovering warriors and youth from underserved neighborhoods. The donation is earmarked for a pavilion in the new adaptive sailing center on Bembe Beach Road in Annapolis.

Additional notable donations in 2021 by The Brick Companies and its divisions include:

- Feed Anne Arundel received a \$50,000 donation in May 2021 which was used to provide meals for 500 local families. The culinary team at The Golf Club at South River, a division of The Brick Companies, also prepared and delivered several hundred additional meals.
- Anne Arundel Community College received a donation of \$10,000, the fourth installment of a \$50,000 scholarship fund, in honor of Marshall Groom and in memory of the late Marjorie Groom, for students seeking a certification in Skilled Services.
- Start The Adventure of Reading (STAIR Annapolis) received a \$6,000 donation as the proceeds’ recipient of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual charity golf tournament, *The Classic*, held on October 5, 2021, at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course. STAIR works closely with educators and reading specialists in Anne Arundel County Public Schools to provide second graders reading below grade level with free tutoring.
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center’s (SERC) *Science to Go*, received a donation of \$2,500 to provide learning kits for Anne Arundel County children to learn about the Chesapeake Bay.

- Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation's *Community Response Fund*, which directs funds to the needs of frontline hospital staff that care for our community, received a \$2,000 donation in recognition of The Brick Companies employees, customers, and partners.
- Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BGCAA) received \$7,700 in September 2021 for sponsorship of the 20th annual *Adrian L. Merton Tee It Up for Education* Golf Tournament held at The Golf Club at South River. The tournament helped raise funds to support BGCAA's six clubs and the 2,800 youth served annually.
- Scenic Rivers Land Trust received \$5,000 in April 2021 for *Walk for the Woods* sponsorship, an annual celebration of outdoor exploration and recognizing the power of land protection that enhances quality of life, provides wildlife habitat, and supports Bay and River health.
- Multiple local charities received over \$8,000 of free golf credits to be redeemed at Queenstown Harbor, a division of The Brick Companies.
- YMCA Camp Letts, Nourish Now and Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center were three local charities to receive a combined \$11,500 through The Brick Companies Employee Wellness Program that utilizes the GivHero platform.

"2021 was another tough year for many charitable organizations within our community. They faced increased demand yet simultaneously experienced decreased operational capacity." said Shelly Ford, Chief Responsibility Officer of The Brick Companies. "Supporting our community has always been the foundation of The Brick Companies, and after the year we've had, we are confident that the donations from The Brick Companies and their divisions have helped these organizations deliver their mission to support our communities."

#### Looking Ahead

2022 marks the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Brick Companies. "To acknowledge this significant milestone, The Brick Companies will be donating \$130,000 to Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) for the J. Kent McNew Medical Center," said Julie Natoli, Principal of The Brick Companies. The J. Kent McNew Family Medical Center is a stand-alone mental health facility that provides both inpatient and outpatient mental health services. She continued by saying, "Both AAMC and The Brick Companies are committed to increasing access to high-quality mental health care for those in our community who need the support."

## About The Brick Companies

The Brick Companies (TBC), headquartered in Edgewater, Maryland, creates memorable experiences for current and future generations through social responsibility and environmental leadership. Notable “fun” properties owned and operated by The Brick Companies within the Baltimore Washington region include Queenstown Harbor on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, The Golf Club at South River, and Atlantic Marinas at Patapsco, Magothy and Ferry Point. The Brick Companies also owns office properties throughout the DMV including The Brick Companies Center in Edgewater, featuring Anne Arundel County’s first living roof, Lakefront at Washingtonian in Gaithersburg, 8045 Kennett Street in Silver Spring, Montrose West in Rockville, and Westwood Center in Tyson’s Corner, Virginia. The Brick Companies was founded 1892 as the Washington Brick and Terra Cotta Company located along the Washington City Canal in Southwest Washington, D.C. In 2002, The Brick Companies moved from Washington, D.C. to its current corporate headquarters in Edgewater, Maryland where they employ over 175 people and have remained rooted for the past 20 years.

To learn more about The Brick Companies, please visit [www.thebrickcompanies.com](http://www.thebrickcompanies.com) or contact [marketing@thebrickcompanies.com](mailto:marketing@thebrickcompanies.com).

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