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TOAST TO DAIRY BENEFITS NEXT GENERATION IN DAIRY

Annual Farm-to-Fork Event Planned for June 20 in Elizabethtown

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania will again host its annual "Toast to Dairy" farm-to-fork celebration on Thursday, June 20, at the Historic Acres of Hershey in Elizabethtown, Pa. Planned for 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., the event features a fun farm-to-fork experience showcasing local Pennsylvania Preferred foods and benefitting the next generation of Pennsylvania's dairy industry.

The evening includes a showcase of Pennsylvania artisan cheeses, wines and brews, with the Pennsylvania Cheese Guild leading wine and cheese pairings throughout the night. Local artist and dairy supporter Debbie Cornman of Boiling Springs, Pa., will donate her time to do a live art rendering of a local barn scene. The painting will be auctioned during a raffle supporting the Dairy Excellence Foundation.

Dairy enthusiasts and friends are invited to network and enjoy an evening out while supporting and celebrating the Dairy Excellence Foundation's next generation resources, which include scholarships, internships and curriculum. Along with enjoying the fun and fellowship, those who attend will have the opportunity to hear from benefactors of Dairy Excellence Foundation programs – students, teachers, and scholarship recipients – who will share their experiences throughout the evening.

Tickets to the event will go on sale in April and cost \$75 per person. Discounted rates are available for couples and those who purchase groups of tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. All proceeds from the event will go to support the scholarships, internships and curriculum supported through the Dairy Excellence Foundation.

Watch for more details or visit centerfordairyexcellence.org/toast-to-dairy/ to learn more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Katie Waite at 717-346-0849 or by email at <u>kwaite@centerfordairyexcellence.org</u>.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at <u>centerfordairyexcellence.org</u>