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**FORMER DAIRY VETERINARIAN PUBLISHES BOOK WITH PROCEEDS SUPPORTING NEXT GENERATION**

*Dr. Charlie Gardner Published The Blessed Life of a Cow Doctor*

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – To help support students who are pursuing future careers in the dairy industry, Dr. Charlie Gardner, a former dairy veterinarian and consultant who works with many Pennsylvania dairy farm families, has published a book with proceeds now supporting the Dairy Excellence Foundation. Titled *The Blessed Life of a Cow Doctor*, the book features memoir-style stories from Dr. Gardner’s time as a dairy veterinarian. With every \$25 donation to the Dairy Excellence Foundation, individuals will receive a copy of the book and proceeds will support the Foundation’s youth development programs.

“Over the years, my interest in storytelling has only grown stronger. This is what led me to write a book about my life and career as a dairy veterinarian. I’ve included a lot of true stories and reflections, and I could think of no better way to support the fine work of the Dairy Excellence Foundation than through the proceeds from this book,” said Dr. Charlie Gardner, the author of the book and a consultant who works with the Center for Dairy Excellence.

The Dairy Excellence Foundation’s youth development programs include free Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow courses and curriculum for high school agriculture teachers, hands-on educational experiences for high school students, scholarship opportunities, on-farm internships for college students, and more.

“The Foundation’s youth development programs have helped to inspire more than 29,000 students to learn about dairy career opportunities last year. These programs make a lasting impact on students who are eager to make a difference in the dairy industry,” added Dr. Gardner. “The Foundation works to ensure our youth have opportunities and a path forward to pursue careers they are passionate about in the Pennsylvania agriculture industry.”

To read an excerpt from the memoir and make a \$25 donation to the Foundation to receive a copy of Dr. Gardner’s book, visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/book-donation](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/book-donation) or call 717-346-0849. Books will be shipped approximately four to six weeks after making a donation.

Established in 2010, the Dairy Excellence Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization that is Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) approved. Through creative

programming, career preparation resources, and internship and scholarship opportunities, the Foundation helps students of all ages discover the world of dairy farming.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization that is Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) approved. Established in 2010, the foundation's mission is to build and invest in programs that cultivate and empower the next generation of producers, consumers, and advocates for the Pennsylvania dairy industry. Learn more at [centerfordairyexcellence.org/our-foundation/](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/our-foundation/).

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