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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's Former President & CEO Craig Tallman and His Wife Diane Tallman Contribute \$5,000 to Polar Express Charity Trains

Peninsula, OH – The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) provides a little extra holiday cheer for those that need it most each year. The annual Polar Express charity trains enable more than 1,000 children and their families the opportunity to experience the magic of the holiday season.

Former President & CEO Craig Tallman and his wife, Diane, have donated \$5,000 to the Akron Polar Express charity train. Tallman made the announcement of their contribution upon his retirement in February 2017.

“Diane and I chose to sponsor the Akron charity train this year to assist CVSR in offsetting the costs to host this annual community tradition, The Polar Express, for the many children and family charities in the greater Akron area to enjoy and cherish,” said Tallman.

With their generous donation, the Tallman family hopes that this encourages other individuals and businesses to consider the variety of sponsorship opportunities at CVSR to ensure the non-profit organization's ability to provide heritage train excursions for years to come.

CVSR works with several organizations each year for the annual charity trains, including: Akron Children's Hospital, Aspies, North East Ohio Adoption Services, Cleveland Sight Center, the Department of Child and Family Services Cleveland, Providence House, Child and Family Advocates, Cleveland Christian Home, A Special Wish Foundation, Rainbow Babies and Children Cleveland, Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland and Applewood Centers.

The charity runs take place on Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m., with departures out of both Akron Northside station and Rockside station in Independence. There are approximately 590 passengers out of Rockside and 440 out of Akron.

In addition to contributions, CVSR encourages individuals and businesses to volunteer during the Polar Express season on the train or at the North Pole. Please visit <https://www.cvsr.com/volunteer-polar/> for more information.

About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio

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& Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 45 years. For more information about the railroad, visit CVSR.com.

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