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### **Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races Hosts Eighth Annual Race for the Ribbon Events, 5K, Grant Workshop and Night of Racing to Support Susan G. Komen West Virginia**

**(Charles Town, WV – August 29, 2016)** – In partnership with the West Virginia affiliate of Susan G. Komen, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races will present a day of activities dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. On Saturday, September 17, Hollywood Casino will host a 5K fun run, the 8th annual Race for the Ribbon track walk, a silent auction, a night of thoroughbred racing and other events at the property throughout the day. The seven prior Race for the Ribbons have raised in excess of \$110,000 for Susan G. Komen's West Virginia affiliate.

Events for the 8th annual Race for the Ribbon on Saturday, September 17 begin at 8:30am with the second running of the Race for the Ribbon 5K that will start and finish at Hollywood Casino. The event is a stroller friendly run open to runners of all ages and abilities with details on registration for the Race for the Ribbon 5K available at: [www.imathlete.com/events/racefortheribbon5k](http://www.imathlete.com/events/racefortheribbon5k).

All participants in the Race for the Ribbon 5K will receive a drawstring backpack, t-shirt, headlamp, buff and more, with Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races donating all entry fees to Komen's West Virginia affiliate. Additionally, the Replenish Wellness and Massage Center will be providing massages onsite with Two Rivers Treads present at the 5K for running consultations.

Following the 5K is the ceremonial walk around the track at noon where each \$25 donation for participation in the walk will come with a commemorative t-shirt. Throughout the day, patrons are also invited to check out the pink lemonade stand, silent auction and pink hat contest, which will award cash

prizes for “best hats in show.” Beginning at 5pm the evening will include world class thoroughbred racing including the \$100,000 Pink Ribbon Stakes.

Susan G. Komen West Virginia will be hosting a Grant Workshop for the 2017-2018 Grant Cycle at The Inn in Charles Town for anyone interested in applying for funding. The workshop will be held from 2pm-4pm. Please call Misty Bennett, Grants Chair at 304-556-4808 for more information.

Saturday’s full schedule is as follows:

- 8:30am – Start of 5K at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races (rain or shine)
- 10:30am - Registration for the Breast Cancer walk around the track
- 12:00pm - Breast cancer walk around the track (weather permitting)
- 5:00pm - Start of silent auction on the mezzanine level of the grandstand
- 5:00pm - Post time for the 1<sup>st</sup> race
- 8:00pm - Judging for Pink Hat Contest on the track apron, with \$500 prize to the winner
- 9:45pm - \$100,000 Pink Ribbon Stakes
- 10:00pm - Silent auction ends
- 10:30pm - \$350,000 Charles Town Oaks (G3)

“This will be the eighth year we have proudly partnered with Susan G. Komen’s West Virginia Affiliate to help in funding services, screenings and treatments for a disease that has touched so many of us and the level at which our employees and the community have embraced the Race for the Ribbon is inspiring,” said Scott Saunders, Charles Town’s General Manager. “I look forward to taking part in the 5K and will hopefully get to do so with some of our fellow local business and community leaders.”

The night of racing includes eight stakes races altogether and is headlined by the second graded race on Charles Town’s calendar - the \$350,000 Charles Town Oaks (G3) for three-year-old fillies.

“Not only has the Charles Town Oaks been a very productive race in the three-year-old filly sprint division, with horses like Groupie Doll, So Many Ways and Book Review competing in it, but we’re also proud of how the day as a whole has developed,” remarked Charles Town’s Vice President of Racing Operations Erich Zimny. “Combining this level of racing with raising money for Komen’s West Virginia affiliate adds up to a show that we’re looking forward to putting on come September 17.”

The full stakes lineup at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races on Race for the Ribbon day is comprised of:

- Charles Town Oaks (G3), \$350,000, Fillies 3YO, 7 furlongs
- Wild & Wonderful S., \$100,000, 3&up, 7 furlongs
- The Pink Ribbon, \$100,000, Fillies & Mares 3&up, 7 furlongs
- Frank Gall Memorial S., \$50,000, WV-bred 3&up, 7 furlongs
- Sadie Hawkins S., \$50,000, WV-bred Fillies & Mares 3&up, 7 furlongs
- It’s Only Money S., \$50,000, WV-bred 3&up, 4 ½ furlongs
- Rachel’s Turn S., \$50,000, WV-bred Fillies 2YO, 4 ½ furlongs
- Henry Mercer Memorial, \$50,000, WV-bred 2YO, 4 ½ furlongs

The Race for the Ribbon card is responsible for the four largest non-Charles Town Classic day all-sources handle figures in track history with the 2013 card standing as the only non-Classic one to ever top \$2 million in wagering.

The stakes laden card will be televised by TVG2, who will provide in-studio coverage of the event and can also be heard on the Horse Racing Radio Network.

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### **About Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races**

*Conveniently located about a one-hour drive from the Baltimore and DC beltways, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is a world-class resort destination, offering visitors a truly Las Vegas-style experience that includes 2750 slot machines, 98 table games and 26 poker tables, and both live and simulcast thoroughbred horse racing year round in a safe and hassle free environment. Amenities include a luxury hotel, 1200 seat Event Center and award winning dining options, including Final Cut Steakhouse. A Penn National Gaming property, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is one of the region's fastest growing gaming and entertainment destinations with more than four million visitors each year.*  
[www.hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com](http://www.hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com).

### **About Susan G. Komen® & the Komen West Virginia Affiliate**

*Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever, and in 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The West Virginia Affiliate is part of the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Since 2001, West Virginia Susan G. Komen has provided over 2 million in funding throughout the state to including but not limited to: breast cancer screening and treatment to underinsured and uninsured men and women in West Virginia, breast cancer outreach and educational activities, collaborating with community partners to conduct breast cancer outreach and educational activities and developing a clinical trials provider education campaign and/or providing patient support for participation in breast cancer clinical trials.*

*Through events like the Race for the Ribbon, Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Komen West Virginia Race for the Cure, the West Virginia Affiliate is investing more than \$220,000. in community breast cancer programs across the state from 2016-2017.*  
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