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POSITIVE TRACKS SELECTED AS 2019 HANOVER ROTARY GALA RECIPIENT

Hanover, NH: Positive Tracks, a NH-based nonprofit whose mission is to help young people create social change by leveraging the power of sport, play and physical activity, has found a strong supporter in the youth-conscious Hanover Rotary Club. Positive Tracks was recently chosen as the 2019 non-profit beneficiary for the popular Hanover Rotary Auction Gala. Over the last two years, this 350+ attendee event at the Hanover Inn has raised more than \$500,000 to support Hanover Rotary Club charities in the region, and its annual nonprofit partners.

“Hanover Rotary couldn’t be more pleased to help raise both funds and awareness for Positive Tracks as well as the more than 25 smaller Upper Valley non-profits it supports, along with funding the Rotary Scholarship for deserving high school students. We’re humbled that the annual Hanover Rotary Auction Gala has grown into such a major local philanthropic event, and frankly just ecstatic that the community can get together for something that is SO fun, and that also has a huge impact on deserving organizations.” – Nan Carroll, Hanover Rotary Club Auction Co-Chair

Gala guests will enjoy complimentary beverages, heavy hors d’oeuvres, and a spirited live and silent auction as they connect, network and celebrate with a wide breadth of Upper Valley community. Exceptional 2018 auction items included a cruise in the enchanted islands of the South Seas, a hiking excursion in the mountains of Sicily, an 11-day holiday adventure to the Antarctic Peninsula, one-of-a-kind dinners, Red Sox games, and access to stunning vacation homes.

“To be chosen by Hanover Rotary as this year's Auction beneficiary among an inspirational group of local nonprofits is a humbling honor and deeply appreciated,” says Nini Meyer, Founder and CEO of Positive Tracks. *“In our work with young people, Positive Tracks cultivates leadership skills like empathy, team-building and perseverance, along with tactical skills like communication, event planning and cause advocacy. Youth are applying this personal development in creating social change for the Upper Valley community - so Rotary support allows Positive Tracks to empower more young change-makers while simultaneously increasing positive impacts on local causes and organizations.”*

The Hanover Rotary Auction Gala will be held at the Hanover Inn on Thursday, November 7, 2019. To purchase tickets, please send a check payable to Hanover Rotary Charities, PO Box 381, Hanover, NH 03755 or go to <http://bit.ly/HanoverRotaryAuction2019>

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The Hanover Rotary Club, made up of Upper Valley business, professional and community leaders, is the local chapter of Rotary International, a worldwide association committed to the motto of "service above self". Hanover Rotary Charities supports a wide range of Upper Valley charities, college scholarships, and international youth exchange programs and projects.

Positive Tracks is a national, 501(c)(3) non-profit with offices based in Hanover, NH and Boston, MA. Positive Tracks' mission is simple: to help youth *sweat for good*. Young people ages 23 and under identify a social issue, choose a physical activity, and then take action through Positive Tracks. To date, Positive Tracks has helped **63,000** youth partners educate and mobilize communities, turning **350,000** miles of athletic activity into advocacy, activism, and **\$10,000,000** for causes shaping the future.