Eagle Rare Bourbon Announces Leading Nominees for the 2016 Rare Life Award; Still Time to Nominate and Vote!

Grand Prize Winner to Receive $50,000 Donation for Charity of Choice

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY (Sept. 15, 2015) With $80,000 in prize money available to charitable causes, Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey announced the leading nominees for its 2016 Rare Life Award, an award that recognizes people whose lives embody Eagle Rare’s passion for excellence and demonstrate the epitome of courage, leadership, survival, heroism, devotion and character.

Nominations are still being accepted through January 5, 2016. Winners will be selected from among the top 30 stories that receive the most votes, with $50,000 awarded to the grand prize winner’s charity early next year. In addition to the grand prize, six others will be selected for each key Rare Life characteristic and awarded $5,000 for the charity of their choice. This is the sixth year for the Rare Life Awards program, and the 2016 awards will bring total grants to date to $320,000.

With just over three months remaining in the nomination process, the votes are very close. So far, The leading nominees who have received the most votes since the contest launched are (in alphabetical order):

- James Armontrout – Tulsa, OK
- Kate Beardsley – Tumalo, OR

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The leading nominees’ stories address a variety of issues; there are those battling disease, those dedicated to animal rescue, those who provide service to others through personal adversity, and those setting examples for others to follow that inspire and inform.

Kris Comstock, Eagle Rare Bourbon brand manager said, “We continue to be amazed year after year at the number and diversity of rare lives that enrich the lives of so many others. Reading the stories on our site confirms our faith in our fellow Americans. We encourage those who want to submit a story or vote for one of these stories to visit us online at [www.eaglerarelife.com](http://www.eaglerarelife.com).”

More than 200 stories have been submitted through Eagle Rare’s website since the contest launched in May. The Grand Prize award winner will be awarded a $50,000 donation for the charity of their choice and also receive an award ceremony in the winner’s hometown hosted by Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.
Entries are available to view online at the Eagle Rare website, www.eaglerarelife.com. Individuals can continue to submit new nominations and continue to vote for nominees through January 5, 2016. Winners will be announced in March of 2016.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.eaglerarelife.com.

**About Eagle Rare Bourbon**

Eagle Rare Bourbon Whiskey is part of the award-winning Buffalo Trace Distillery, an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, (Franklin County), Kentucky. The Distillery’s rich distilling tradition dates back to 1773 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Eagle Rare Bourbon is a 10-year-old bourbon that has won multiple awards, including five double gold medals from the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. To learn more about Eagle Rare visit www.eaglerarelife.com.

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