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Bensalem, PA

**PTHA PRESENTS YWCA WITH \$10,000 TOWARDS
BACKSTRETCH WORKER PROGRAMS**

PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi presented a \$10,000 check to YWCA Bucks County in support of its ongoing work to provide social and human services programs to the men and women affiliated with the backstretch at Philadelphia Park Racetrack. The donation will be used to ensure the continued provision of programs including computer training, English as a second language, citizenship and parenting classes.

The PTHA based in Bensalem, PA, is dedicated to protecting and providing for the horsemen through the guarantee of live racing, increased purses, and health care for its families.

“Through the efforts of the PTHA, thoroughbred racing in the state has undergone many positive changes in the last year,” said Ballezzi. Philadelphia Park has been recognized throughout the industry as a starting point for stricter medication rules and for its model program for retired racehorses, as well as for our care of the horsemen.”

YWCA Bucks County Executive Director Lorna Michelson, Ph.D., and Chairman of the Advisory Committee Representative Gene DiGirolamo accepted the check on behalf of the YWCA.

“We are delighted to receive this valuable funding support and are so appreciative of the PTHA’s commitment to the men and women we serve through our programs and services at Philadelphia Park Racetrack,” said Michelson. “It means so much to know that we can partner with respected and community-minded organizations like the PTHA to help people build better lives for themselves and their families—right here in Bucks County.”

YWCA Bucks County is a non-profit organization serving women, children and families since 1954 and is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA offers a wide and comprehensive array of social service and educational enrichment programs and services to support underserved children, women and families directly in the neighborhoods where they live. The focus is on three main areas: Youth Services, Family Centers, and Self-Sufficiency programs. All YWCA programs are designed to strengthen and improve the lives of Bucks County residents.