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CENTER FOUNDATION RECEIVES EITC PROGRAM APPROVAL

PA Approved Businesses Can Now Receive Tax Credits by Giving to Center Foundation

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania has once again been approved as an Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) under Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. Businesses approved to do commerce within Pennsylvania, such as banks, equipment dealers, agribusinesses and dairy farms, can apply to receive tax credits through the EITC Program by supporting the Center Foundation.

Administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development, the EITC Program awards tax credits to approved operating businesses that are subject to the following taxes: Personal Income Tax, Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax, Corporate Net Income Tax, Bank Shares Tax, Title Insurance & Trust Company, Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, etc., for making charitable donations to EITC-qualified organizations such as the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania.

The Center Foundation is qualified as a part of the EITC through its unique Discover Dairy and Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow educational programs. Currently, more than 875 educators are enrolled in the Discover Dairy program, educating more than 65,000 elementary and middle school students about where their food and fiber comes from.

The Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow program, designed specifically to prepare high school students to work in the dairy industry, impacted nearly 11,000 students during the 2016-17 school year. This program combines formal education with hands-on learning while also offering students scholarships for higher education.

To determine if your business qualifies to become an EITC approved business, visit <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc/> or reach out to your local preparer. To learn more about the Center Foundation, contact Mary Foote at the Center for Dairy Excellence by phone at 717-346-0849 or via email at mfoote@centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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Established in 2010, the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization that is Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) approved. The foundation was created to develop and support programs for both the Center for Dairy Excellence and other Pennsylvania dairy organizations which educate, cultivate, and

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inspire a thriving and sustainable Pennsylvania dairy industry. Learn more about the foundation at centerfordairyexcellence.org.