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Transportation Industry Group's Members Lend Charitable Hand, Donating Nearly \$1.7 Million to Charity

(ROCKVILLE, Md.)— The licensed for-hire transportation industry donated nearly \$1.7 million to worthy efforts in their communities, a new survey shows.

Charities from breast cancer awareness organizations to local food banks to youth groups were just a few of those helped in the past year by members of the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA), the world's oldest and largest trade group of for-hire fleet owners. The TLPA compiled the donation figures as part of its "Community Connections" program that encourages members to take part in charity efforts of their choice.

The TLPA Community Connections Program participants are TLPA members who donated to local charities throughout a 12-month period ending April 30, 2015. The reported figures likely only represent a fraction of the generosity of the industry, said Mike Fogarty, president of the TLPA, who noted that less than 10 percent of its 1,100 members reported their charitable deductions in response to an online survey.

"What these figures tell me is that, while we may not have the billions of dollars from Wall Street that some of our competitors have, we do everything we can to take care of our communities," Fogarty said. "We're a part of our cities and towns, not some giant corporation based in another state or another country. We're part of the fabric of our cities and we believe in helping our neighbors."

The donations by members who reported their companies' charitable actions to the TLPA Community Connections Program in this past year reached \$1,678,063. These generous businesses gave to a wide variety of causes, including breast cancer, kidney disease, wounded veterans, hospitals, children's wish campaigns and educational funds.

The charitable efforts of TLPA's members are listed in the Summer 2015 issue of its quarterly magazine, *Transportation Leader*. To subscribe, visit <http://www.tlpa.org/transleader/>

About TLPA:

Established in 1917, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is a non-profit trade association of and for the private passenger transportation industry. Its extensive membership spans the globe to include 1,100 taxicab companies, executive sedan and limousine services, airport shuttle fleets, non-emergency medical transportation companies, and paratransit services. For more information, please visit www.tlpa.org.

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