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C. Nomination Questions:

1) For nearly 10 years, Sandy has been a dedicated volunteer of the Kentucky Derby Festival. Vowing that she would work to give back to the community once she retired, Sandy graciously gives of her time and herself year after year to volunteer for the Festival. Originally, Sandy started as a volunteer on the Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon expo and that has grown into her now serving on four committees and single-handedly being responsible for recruiting and managing a large number of volunteers.

Being a fan of the Festival since the 70's, Sandy had her first experience with volunteering when she helped her husband's police department escort a mascot in the Pegasus Parade.

Sandy is recognized by fellow volunteers, the Kentucky Derby Festival Board of Directors and Derby Festival staff members as being an outstanding ambassador for KDF, and for her dependability, years of service, positive attitude, recruitment efforts, dedication and depth of involvement. She continues to give more and more of her time, talent and treasures to help ensure Festival events are enjoyable for all who attend.

2) As a volunteer coordinator, Sandy is responsible for recruiting, communicating with and managing over a thousand volunteers. For the Marathon/miniMarathon alone, Sandy brings in more than 600 volunteers. This group is responsible for distributing runners packets at the race expo and also distributing finishers medals to participants in the race at the finish line.

Additionally, Sandy serves as the volunteer coordinator for the Pegasus Pin Program. This role requires coordination with volunteers but also managing them in multiple locations around the city during Festival events. It takes several hundred volunteers to

manage this program and Sandy does a terrific job of getting everyone where they need to be and making sure they are able to complete their responsibilities

Two years ago, Sandy joined the WineFest committee. Sandy helps with the set up and breakdown of the event. She also acts as a liaison between Festival and participating wineries and makes sure they have everything they need to have a successful two-day event.

When it comes to displaying framed art, nobody has an eye for it quite like Sandy. For the past few years, Sandy has managed the set up of framed Derby Festival posters to be displayed at the Poster Premiere – an annual event where the poster series and merchandise lines are unveiled to the public. This year, there were more than 40 framed pieces to arrange and Sandy's assistance with this allowed the event manager to focus on other aspects of the event.

In total, it takes just over 4,000 volunteers working year-round to produce the 70 plus events on the Kentucky Derby Festival schedule of events. As you can see from the numbers above, Sandy plays a huge part in pulling together and managing those volunteers.

3) Sandy's expertise lies in her ability to teach and train new and experienced volunteers. She approaches her "job" as a volunteer trainer and recruiter very seriously and approaches each Festival with unparalleled passion. Many of our Event Managers rely on her impeccable organizational skills continuously throughout the year. Sandy is always willing to go above and beyond to make sure that all the events she works with are successful.

4) As anyone in the festival and events industry knows, the work we do simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our volunteers. Every now and again there are some that stand out amongst the rest, and this describes Sandy to a tee. According to Deja Lawson, Event Manager for the Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon, "Sandy always jumps in to help, no matter what. She is always early and stays late." Lawson says that one of the greatest attributes about Sandy is that she is "a communicator in an old-fashioned way," calling nearly every volunteer personally. Rain or shine, Sandy is there smiling, telling people where she needs them and ALWAYS thanking them!

5) When it comes to dependability, there is none greater than Sandy Griffiths. Given any task, it is sure to be done, be done well and be done on time. One of Sandy's largest tasks is securing volunteers for packet distribution to 18,000 participants of the Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon. As you can imagine, this is quite a feat and Sandy always delivers. In addition Sandy is in charge of recruiting volunteers to distribute the race medals at the finish line of the race. All told, that's more than 600 volunteers she is responsible for recruiting and managing. Completing this arduous task is something the Festival knows it can depend on Sandy to do!

6) Infectious is the only word suitable for describing Sandy's attitude. No matter how challenging the circumstances, she is able to maintain composure and find a solution for any situation. Sandy is truly one-of-a-kind volunteer.

Sandy is always willing to jump in and help whenever and wherever needed. While she does hold positions on four committees, she never turns down the opportunity to help out somewhere else if she can.

7) Sandy's absence would not only be felt in the absence of her aforementioned infectious attitude, but also in the absence of the thousands of volunteers that Sandy singlehandedly organizes for multiple events during our Festival season. Sandy works tirelessly to make sure that we have a bevy of volunteers to work at our events and help them to run seamlessly. Without her, it would be impossible to organize such an endeavor.

Around the Christmas holiday, Sandy brings homemade candies and snacks to Festival staff. While not officially part of her duties as a volunteer, it certainly is appreciated and something everyone looks forward to receiving. Knowing that you have support and dedication from someone who not just gives their time during Festival but also in our "off-season" speaks to the type of person Sandy is and the connection she has developed with the Festival staff.

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