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Friend of the Fair Nomination Description

Kimberton Community Fair

Recipient: Kimberton Fire Company

This year the Fair is celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> fair. It started in 1929, the chartering year of the volunteer Kimberton Fire Company. Back then the Fire Company formed a Fair Committee to organize a “carnival” that would serve as a fundraiser for the new fire department’s equipment and building needs. Many of the founding members laid the groundwork for what would take a small carnival idea and turn it into a major event that welcomes over 30,000 attendees each year.

Since 1929 the Kimberton Fire Company has been an important centerpiece of the community. It’s so much more than critical fire protection and emergency services. Kimberton Fire Company has made a name for itself as being one of the largest places in Chester County to gather. The Kimberton Youth Athletic League uses fire company grounds for its baseball games. Many individuals and organizations rent the grounds and facilities for a variety of events including sales, fundraisers, picnics, weddings, meetings, and shows. The Fire Company also reaches out into the community to educate about fire safety and prevention through events such as Touch A Truck, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, and local parades and community days.

Through the years, the Fire Company has also been the backbone of the Fair’s existence. Members participate in fair planning. Some serve on the Fair’s Board of Directors. Volunteer members spend nights and weekends helping with fair set up and tear down. Others step up to organize and operate the food and game stands that directly support the Fire Company. Others are involved in making the delicious donuts that visitors wait in long lines to buy! And while there are numerous community members who are a part of our Fair family, the Fair would not be possible without the volunteers and resources of the Kimberton Fire Company. They do it for the community. They do it to honor the founding men and women. They do it to preserve the tradition of service and volunteerism. Kimberton Fire Company is the reason we can stand here today to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Kimberton Community Fair.

It is our honor to recognize them for their leadership, volunteerism, community engagement and dedication with the 2024 Friend of the Fair recognition.

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