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Debbie McDonald Fund for Pacific Northwest Riders Established at The Dressage Foundation

May 2, 2019 – The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is pleased to announce that a new Grant Fund has been established in honor of Debbie McDonald by dressage enthusiasts from the Pacific Northwest.

“Debbie McDonald’s compassion, respect, and love for horses are at the core of her mission as a rider, trainer, and coach,” shared the Fund’s founding donors. “We have all witnessed the results of her commitment to produce happy, healthy athletes: USA dressage horses competing successfully on the international stage with confidence, beauty, enthusiasm, and joy. The Debbie McDonald Fund will provide opportunities for riders from USDF Region 6 to pursue their riding and training goals, in line with USEF Dressage initiatives. The ultimate desire is to continue to expand Debbie’s example of compassionate and correct training, which always puts the horse first, and to support our region’s riders and horses.”

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available for FEI riders from USDF Region 6 for training and competition. Preference will be given to riders currently named to the USEF Dressage Development Program. Further information and the application are available at www.dressagefoundation.org. Applications are due June 30, 2019.

TDF’s President and CEO, Beth Baumert, shared “We applaud the Pacific Northwest dressage enthusiasts for creating a Fund that will strengthen their region by helping horse-and-rider pairs at a time when they need it most. TDF is thrilled about this unique high performance grant.”

The founding donors continued, “With the initial donation to the Fund, our hope is to inspire others to also contribute to the Fund. The larger the Fund, the more we can provide opportunities for our region’s riders and support initiatives to develop and expand the depth of talent to represent the U.S. on the international stage. This is an exciting time for U.S. dressage and for our region!”

The Dressage Foundation welcomes contributions to the Debbie McDonald Fund for Pacific Northwest Riders. Donations can be made online at www.dressagefoundation.org, checks can be mailed to TDF’s office at the address below, or credit card donations can be made over the phone at (402)434-8585. Contact Jenny Johnson, TDF’s Executive Director, at (402) 434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org with questions or for more information.

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