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Cox Continues Local Giving in 2021

Pensacola, FL – The Cox commitment to Northwest Florida never wavered in 2021, despite a pandemic, economic uncertainty and other issues impacting our area. Recognizing the need to give back to our communities now more than ever, Cox gave approximately \$1 million in cash and in-kind donations to local charities and non-profits with a primary focus on youth, education, diversity and conservation initiatives.

“As our local charities found new ways to provide much needed services to Gulf Coast residents, we wanted to ensure they could still count on Cox as a community partner,” said David Deliman, market vice president for Cox’s Gulf Coast market. “We found new and innovative ways to ensure they could achieve their goals and look forward to continue our support in 2022.

In addition to our annual corporate giving, special grants were also awarded in 2021, some coming from our own employee’s pockets. Youth Village in Fort Walton Beach received a \$5,000 Social Justice Grant, to assist in closing the digital divide amongst young students. Cox Charities, a grant program funded entirely by local Cox employees, awarded \$26,000 to local non-profits and schools. In 2021, Gulf Coast employees awarded Innovation in Education Grants to Antioch Elementary School, C.A. Weis Elementary School, Crestview High School, N.B. Cook School of the Arts, Okaloosa STEMM Academy and Silver Sands School. In addition, Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida, The Northwest Florida YMCA, Valerie’s House and One Hopeful Place in Fort Walton Beach each received a Cox Charities Community Investment Grant.

Along with the monetary support, our employees, the majority of which still work from home, served on nearly 50 local nonprofit boards and committees virtually, to support community organizations in their efforts to reinvent plans and strategies due to the pandemic.

For the second straight year, the Cox Inspirational Student Hero Awards was presented as a special 90-minute television program highlighting 85 students from Escambia and Okaloosa Counties. The show aired on YurView last Spring and was uploaded to YouTube. These students were chosen by their school’s leaders due to their inspirational journeys. Whether it was overcoming a disability, tragic life event or other obstacle in life, these children were celebrated for their impact on others.

The Cox Gulf Coast Market consists of portions of Escambia, Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

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