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TURNSTONE COMPETES IN BRACKETS FOR GOOD SEMIFINALS AS THE LAST NORTHEAST INDIANA ORGANIZATION REMAINING

FORT WAYNE, IN (*April 2, 2018*) – Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities has landed in the semifinal round of the 2018 Brackets for Good charitable giving tournament and is the final organization from northeast Indiana still in the running for the championship prize of \$10,000. Turnstone’s supporters have rallied through four rounds of charitable giving play to score more points through donations than their opponents in the online single-elimination bracket-style fundraising tournament.

With Turnstone’s continued advancement, 3Rivers Credit Union has stepped onto the court as one of Turnstone’s Brackets For Good Community Partners with a matched donation in support of the organization’s mission and its successful representation of northeast Indiana in the tournament. Any donations made through Tuesday, April 3 at 8:00pm will be matched by 3Rivers dollar for dollar up to \$2500.

The current round of charitable giving play ends Tuesday, April 3 at 8:00pm. The championship round will take place Tuesday, April 3-Friday, April 6.

“3Rivers is proud of all the non-profits in our region who have been so well represented in this year’s tournament and it is thrilling to see one of our local non-profits in the Final Four,” said Melissa Shaw, 3Rivers Marketing Director. “As a cooperative, 3Rivers believes in living out the credit union philosophy of people helping people. By offering this match during Turnstone’s final stretch to the Indiana Brackets For Good championship, we hope to inspire others to help us help them support Turnstone’s mission of serving people with disabilities and creating a world in which people are accepted and valued based on their abilities.”

As the only not-for-profit organization in northeast Indiana that provides a full range of rehabilitative, educational, wellness, athletic and recreational programs and facilities to people with physical disabilities and their families, Turnstone and its supporters are creating possibilities. The funds raised during the Brackets For Good tournament will be used to support our adaptive sport and recreation programs for youth and adults with disabilities.

“This is Turnstone’s first appearance in the Brackets For Good charitable giving tournament and we’re proud of our team and supporters who have really championed this effort,” said Rena Burden, Chief Development Officer. “We’re thankful for the opportunity to promote the important work of all the participating organizations through the tournament and for the funds we have been able to raise in support of creating possibilities for our young athletes.”

Indianapolis-based Brackets For Good pairs with corporate and nonprofit sponsors to host online bracket-style fundraising tournaments in philanthropic communities around the United States. Brackets for Good has raised more than \$6.4 million for charitable nonprofits since its 2012 kick-off contest in Indianapolis.

Turnstone was selected from more than 2128 charitable organizations across the country to compete in Brackets For Good 2018 which started Friday, March 2. Participating nonprofits rally enthusiastic donors to out-fundraise their opponents in order to advance. Through the excitement, localized marketing and corporate involvement, nonprofits earn increased exposure, gain access to free fundraising tools, and are introduced to new donors. Dollars from donors translate to points, giving participants the opportunity to advance in each market’s bracket. Competing nonprofits keep donations received during tournament play, no matter how many rounds they advance. The winning organization in each tournament receives an additional championship grant.

To get in the game and help Turnstone win Brackets For Good Indiana 2018, visit <https://indiana.bfg.org/matchup/turnstone-center-for-children-and-adults-with-disabilities> and score points by making donations!

ABOUT TURNSTONE: Now in its 75th year of service, Turnstone’s mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing the one of the most comprehensive offerings of services and programs to people with disabilities and their families under one roof in the United States. Thanks to generous support and compassionate staff, Turnstone’s legacy of advocacy and innovation continues to contribute to a world that accepts and values people based on their abilities.

ABOUT BRACKETS FOR GOOD: Brackets For Good uses the power of sport, innovative technology, and online fundraising tournaments to inspire people to learn about and rally behind charitable nonprofits that make our world a better place. Brackets For Good is a program of 501(c)3 charitable organization, Joined For Good. Since the inaugural tournament in 2012, new awareness, an average of over 30% first-time donors, and over \$6.4 Million dollars has been generated for hundreds of charitable organizations across the country. It’s Competitive Giving. Everybody Wins. For more information, visit BFG.org.

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