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Independent Stave Company Donates \$318,000 over Three Years to Establish and Implement a Comprehensive Drug Prevention Program in Marion County Schools

LEBANON, Ky. (June 26, 2017) – Independent Stave Company is pleased to announce its support of a new program focused on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention in the Marion County School System. Support totaling \$318,000 will be donated by the Boswell family to establish the program and carry out the new curricula.

“It is important to us to make a positive difference in our local communities, and supporting our youth is the foundation for the future,” said Brad Boswell, Chief Executive Officer. “We commend the Marion County School System and its partners for working together this winter and spring to research and implement a program that has experienced success elsewhere with evidence-backed results. The new program will carry out an important vision to better empower students to make decisions that will help them flourish for years to come.”

According to Marion County Public Schools Chief Operations Officer, Chris Brady, “The generous donation from the Boswell family will greatly impact Marion County students and will be invaluable for school climate and culture.” Brady worked collaboratively with partners from Communicare and Lincoln Trail Health to secure the donation and as a result, The Leader in Me will be expanded with two additional schools in 2017-18, Marion County Middle School and Lebanon Elementary School. The Leader in Me empowers students with the skills they need for a global society. Students will develop skills such as self-confidence, teamwork, creativity, self-direction, problem solving, responsibility, and communication. In the past, a desire existed to expand The Leader in Me in Marion County, however it was cost prohibitive. Currently, Calvary Elementary and Glasscock Elementary are Leader in Me Schools. Marion County Public Schools and its partners are excited about the opportunities it will create for students.



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The curricula and supporting services will be carried out by the Marion County School System in partnership with Communicare's Regional Prevention Center and Lincoln Trail District Health Department. Benefiting the more than 3,000 students enrolled in Marion County K-12, the program will utilize leadership skills building, goal setting, emotional awareness, positive conflict resolution, and relationship building as a multi-prong approach to address drug prevention. Curricula include The Leader in Me, and Too Good for Drugs, a program that targets middle and high school youth. A nationally-recognized therapeutic intervention, Seven Challenges, will also be implemented to incorporate therapy in classrooms and for individual students.

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