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## **American Portfolios Sponsors and Participates in World T.E.A.M. Sports 2018 Adventure Team Challenge in Conjunction with The Center for Discovery**

HOLBROOK, N.Y. (June 13, 2018) — American Portfolios Financial Services, Inc. (AP), a privately-held, independent broker/dealer which provides services and support to financial advisors throughout the country, continues its long-standing support of World T.E.A.M. Sports (WTS) and The Center for Discovery (The Center) through its sponsorship and participation in the ninth annual Adventure Team Challenge (ATC).

“The WTS ATC in upstate New York is one of American Portfolios’ flagship community events in which its staff members and affiliated investment professionals look forward to being a part of each and every year,” says AP’s CEO Lon T. Dolber. “When organizations like WTS, The Center and AP come together to create opportunities for transformative experiences among its participants—whether they be athletes, coaches or volunteers—more than any personal, professional or financial gain, there is no greater reward than being able to lift the human spirit. That’s what the Adventure Team Challenge does.”

This year’s ATC was held June 7-10 at The Center’s campus in Harris, N.Y., and at the Frost Valley YMCA located in Claryville, N.Y. Ten AP employees and affiliated financial professionals, as well as three of their family members, participated alongside developmentally disabled teens and young adults in various competitive outdoor sporting events. Each team taking part in the challenges was made up of five adaptive athletes and five to nine able-bodied coaches. Through the inclusive competition, adaptive participants were able to build confidence, serve as role models for others, and inspire teammates and spectators alike. Sporting challenges included an orienteering event held at the Frost Valley YMCA; climbing/hiking Slide Mountain, the highest peak in the Catskill Mountains; and a Regatta Challenge on Lake Cole. The event concluded with a closing awards ceremony to honor all athletes.

The WTS goal is a commendable one—to “change lives through sports.” For the last 25 years, the non-profit organization has conducted various athletic events in partnering adaptive and able-bodied men, women and children together to accomplish physical challenges they never thought possible. Dolber, who serves as the vice chairman for WTS, is the organizational force behind the partnership between WTS and The Center, an internationally-recognized research and innovation center that provides high-quality programs and unique opportunities for personal growth that serves nearly 1,200 children and adults annually who have complex disabilities, medical frailties and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Dolber was recently acknowledged as The Center’s 2018 honoree at the annual Evening of Discovery Gala, which raised \$1.2 million in gross revenue to support essential programs and services. The Center has partnered with AP and WTS on the ATC since 2010, which is comprised of a series of athletic, recreational and outdoor experiences that are designed to provide a sense of achievement and teamwork for those with significant physical and behavioral disabilities. More than 180 adaptive athletes from The Center have participated in the ATC since its inception.



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Most recently, AP sponsored and participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual WTS Face of America (FOA), a 111.8-mile bike ride from Washington, D.C., to Gettysburg, Pa., which included more than 600 cyclists, 100 of which are adaptive athletes, as well as active duty military personnel and veterans. Team American Portfolios earned the distinction of being the top fundraiser for the 2018 WTS FOA, raising more than \$100,000 in charitable donations. AP looks forward to two more upcoming WTS events to round out 2018. From Aug. 14-15, the firm will participate in the WTS Coastal Team Challenge (CTC), a two-day, 16-nautical-mile, non-competitive kayak journey along the coast of Long Island, N.Y., with participating athletes from the Independent Group Home Living Program. In the fall of 2018, AP will also be participating in the second annual FOA Liberty Ride, which—like the FOA—honors military veterans who have been injured or disabled during their service. The Liberty Ride welcomes adaptive and able-bodied participants who ride along a route that begins at the United States Military Academy at West Point and travels south along the Hudson River to One World Trade Center in Manhattan.

### **About American Portfolios**

Headquartered in Holbrook, N.Y., American Portfolios Financial Services, Inc. (APFS) is a full-service, independent broker/dealer and member firm of FINRA and SIPC, offering a complete range of financial services, including personal financial and retirement planning, securities trading, mutual funds, access to investment research, long-term care planning, insurance products and tax-free investing. Fee-based asset management is offered through its sister subsidiary, American Portfolios Advisors, Inc., (APA), an SEC Registered Investment Advisor. Both entities, along with technology entity American Portfolios Advisory Solutions, LLC, collectively reside under the legal entity American Portfolios Holdings, Inc. (APH). Full-service securities brokerage is available through a clearing firm relationship with Pershing, LLC, a BNY Mellon firm, the securities of which are held on a fully disclosed basis. The company currently serves 813 independent investment professionals located in 373 branch locations throughout the nation. It was named Broker-Dealer of the Year\* (Division III) by Investment Advisor magazine in 2015, 2016 and 2017, as well as one of the top 10 Best Companies to Work for in the state of New York for 2016, 2017 and 2018 by the New York State Society for Human Resources Management (NYS-SHRM) and the Best Companies Group (BCG).

*\*Based on a poll of registered representatives conducted by Investment Advisor magazine. Broker/dealers rated highest by their representatives are awarded "Broker/Dealer (B/D) of the Year."*



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### **About World T.E.A.M. Sports**

World T.E.A.M. Sports (WTS) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered in North Carolina and headquartered in Holbrook, N.Y. Since 1987, WTS has organized athletic events for disabled and able-bodied citizens—mountain climbing, white water rafting, bicycling and more. Their mission is to change life through sports. WTS uses athletics to challenge people to accomplish goals they once deemed impossible. Through every WTS event, participants with disabilities build their self-confidence and enhance their physical fitness. During athletic challenges, disabled and able-bodied participants learn to work together as a team to overcome physical, emotional and technical challenges. Annual WTS events include: Adventure Team Challenge, Coastal Team Challenge, CanAm Veterans' Challenge, Face of America and Sea to Shining Sea.

### **About The Center for Discovery**

The Center is an internationally-recognized, non-profit research and innovation center that provides high-quality programs and unique opportunities for personal growth serving nearly 1,200 children and adults annually who have complex disabilities, medical frailties and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). It has pioneered a revolution in care by shifting from a focus on disabilities to nurturing individual abilities and interests, while conducting groundbreaking research that is expected to translate into improvements in care across a wide range of conditions. The Center provides outstanding residential, clinical and educational services to children and adults with significant developmental disabilities and complex medical frailties. The Center's scope and reach is that of a major teaching hospital and university with a formal research program and world-class facilities, featuring some of the most environmentally advanced buildings, technologies and resources, including a long commitment to incorporating universal design features in all its facilities.

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