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## **American Portfolios Sponsors and Participates in World T.E.A.M. 2019 Adventure Team Challenge in Conjunction with The Center for Discovery**

HOLBROOK, N.Y. (June 10, 2019) — 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. (WT) and The Center for Discovery (TCFD) through its sponsorship and participation in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Adventure Team Challenge – New York (ATC).

“Each year, we look forward to participating in the Adventure Team Challenge,” says AP’s CEO Lon T. Dolber. “Our affiliated colleagues and staff members always come away from this unique program transformed by the experience of helping individuals with complex conditions achieve feats they never dreamed were possible. We’re proud to play a role in being able to lift the human spirit of this remarkable community.”

“We’d like to thank Lon Dolber and AP for their tremendous collaboration and partnership throughout the years. The Adventure Team Challenge enables each athlete to reach their full potential, and that really embodies our philosophy of what we do here—not only through this event, but every day,” says TCFD President and CEO Patrick H. Dollard.

TCFD has partnered with AP and WT 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 athletes with varying abilities. To date, more than 350 adaptive and able-bodied athletes have completed this inclusive program. This year’s ATC was held June 6-8 at The Center’s campus in Harris, N.Y., and at the Frost Valley YMCA located in Claryville, N.Y. Eighteen AP employees, affiliated financial professionals and friends of the firm participated alongside 17 teens and young adults with complex conditions in various competitive outdoor sporting events.

Each team taking part in the challenge was made up of five athletes with a range of abilities, 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 WT goal is a commendable one—to “empower, enable and engage.” For the more than 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 WT, is the organizational force behind the partnership between WT and TCFD, an internationally-recognized research and innovation center that provides high-quality programs and unique opportunities for



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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 TCFD's 2018 honoree at the annual Evening of Discovery Gala, which raised \$1.2 million in gross revenue to support essential programs and services. Most recently, AP entered into a five-year funding commitment with TCFD through the American Portfolios Foundation, Inc., to establish and operate the American Portfolios Assistive Technology Lab; the lab is housed within the Technology Hub and Incubator (THINC), which is focused on the creation of innovative products, cutting-edge technologies and new assistive devices with the sole purpose of developing new ways to help people with a range of disabilities and complex conditions overcome their limited mobility and interact more easily with the world around them.

Most recently, AP served as the Presenting Partner and top fundraiser for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual WT Face of America - Gettysburg (FOA), a 111-mile bike ride from Washington, D.C., to Gettysburg, Pa., which included 450 cyclists, many of whom are athletes with varying abilities, as well as active duty military personnel and veterans. Team American Portfolios earned the distinction of raising the most donations for the annual program—more than \$103,848 in charitable funds, as of publication.

AP looks forward to two more upcoming WT events to round out 2019. From Aug. 6-7, the firm will participate in the WT 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, AP will also be participating in the third 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 in historic Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., and travels north along the Hudson River Valley to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

### **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 841 independent investment professionals located in 389 branch locations throughout the nation. It was named Broker-Dealer of the Year\* (Division III) by Investment Advisor magazine in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, as well as one of the top Best Companies to Work for in the state of New York for 2016, 2017, 2018 and



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

World T.E.A.M. brings adaptive and able-bodied athletes together by empowering, enabling and engaging individuals through inclusive athletic programs. For more than a quarter century, our organization has used athletics to challenge men, women and children with disabilities to accomplish goals they never thought possible. In all our programs – whether mountain climbing, biking, white water rafting or many other sports – we include both adaptive and able-bodied participants.

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

The Center for Discovery (TCFD) is a leading provider of healthcare and education services for more than 1,200 children and adults with complex conditions, medical frailties and Autism Spectrum Disorders, located 90 miles northwest of New York City. Named a Center of Excellence in 2016, TCFD has long been a leader in developing new models of care for individuals with complex conditions. Located on 1,500 acres of land in Sullivan County, TCFD houses school campuses, residences, medical and research facilities, organic and biodynamic farmland, and leased private businesses offering meaningful employment opportunities. Deeply focused on an individual's personal potential and possibilities, rather than a disability, TCFD strives to create better care and unique and challenging opportunities for the most vulnerable populations. For more information about TCFD, please visit <https://thecenterfordiscovery.org/>.

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