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ABC Heart of America Holds Inaugural BBQ Contest & State PAC Fundraiser

Kansas City, MO, April 11 – ABC Heart of America (ABC HOA) held its inaugural BBQ Contest & State PAC Fundraiser on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the ABC Workforce Training Institute in Kansas City, MO. Seven teams competed in the contest, which was held to raise funds in the effort to elect pro-Merit Shop candidates in 2016.

Teams competed for the title of Grand Champion, Reserve Champion & Third Place during the blind box turn in, where 12 judges rated the ribs according to Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) rules. Attendees also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite BBQ by naming a People’s Choice Champion.

2016 BBQ Contest Winners:

Grand Champion

- ***Pro Circuit, Inc.*** – Terry More, Head Chef; Dan Boles, Assistant Chef

Reserve Champion

- ***Straub Construction Co., Inc.*** – Paul Hinds, Head Chef; Ernie Straub, III, Assistant Chef

Third Place

- ***Fogel-Anderson Construction Co.*** – Jim Belt, Head Chef

People’s Choice Champion

- ***Team Smoke-n-Miracles*** – Dusty Brown, Head Chef, Electrical Associates; John Schwartz, Assistant Chef, Electrical Associates; Bill Davied, Assistant Chef

Thank you to Teague Electric, Mid America Contractors, Crescent Electric Supply and Foley Group for participating.

All proceeds from the BBQ Contest went to ABC HOA's State PAC, which is the local Political Action Committee registered in Missouri that works to support candidates for state office. In the past, ABC HOA's State PAC has supported candidates in Kansas and Missouri as part of its advocacy efforts to represent the Chapter and Merit Shop.

To become more involved with ABC HOA's advocacy efforts, please email michele@abcksmo.org or call 816.994.5990.

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