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The Umbrella Club, Inc. Earns a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator Stamford, CT – September 26, 2023

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The Fraternal Order of the Umbrella, Inc. (DBA The Umbrella Club) is proud to announce that its strong financial health and ongoing accountability and transparency has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator. This rating designates the Umbrella Club as an official "Give with Confidence" charity, indicating that our organization is using its donations effectively based on Charity Navigator's criteria. Charity Navigator is America's largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, referred to as beacons. Currently, nonprofits can earn scores for the Impact & Results, Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Leadership & Adaptability beacons.

"We are delighted to provide the Umbrella Club with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Umbrella Club is able to accomplish in the years ahead."

"Our Four-Star Charity Navigator is further validation that our supporters can trust our commitment to good governance and financial health," said Scott Kelly, President of the Umbrella Club's Board of Directors. "We hope that it will introduce our work to new supporters who can help us advance our mission to support the families of severely ill children and help them meet their basic needs."

Having distributed over \$500,000 to families in 2022, the Umbrella Club is poised to continue growing and giving a helping hand to families who need support. With the cost of living and the cost of medical care continuing to increase, families under duress from their children's severe illness need more help than ever, and the Umbrella Club is ready to help as many families as possible in 2023 and beyond.

The Umbrella Club's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on charitynavigator.org.

About the Umbrella Club

Founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1993, the Umbrella Club provides much-needed financial support primarily for families with children living with severe medical conditions. Limited to 50 members, the Umbrella Club meets monthly to evaluate and award all funding to low-to-moderate income families and children with medical and medical equipment needs who have fallen through the various governmental and societal safety nets for an array of reasons, and who lack the wherewithal to fund such needs on their own. The Club's activities are purposely low profile. The Club's members respect human dignity and understand that a quiet helping hand can make all the difference to those in need. Over the past 40 years, the Club has donated over \$4,000,000 to families and children who would have otherwise slipped through the net provided by assorted governmental and societal agencies that, for various reasons, were unable to provide necessary assistance.