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KINDER FOUNDATION GIFTS LOCAL NON-PROFIT, LUCILLE'S 1913, OVER \$1.3 MILLION TO EXPAND FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Seven Figure Donation Helps James Beard Nominated Hospitality Group Deliver Thousands More Meals to Houston's Food Insecure Communities, While Expanding Its Mission and Reach

HOUSTON — Kinder Foundation — the family philanthropic foundation established by Rich and Nancy Kinder — has gifted Lucille's 1913 a total of \$1.315 Million to support the non-profit's rapid development throughout Houston. The brainchild of 2022 James Beard Award nominee Chris Williams, Lucille's 1913 has delivered more than 400,000 meals to Houstonians in need since the start of the pandemic. Kinder Foundation's gift will build upon that momentum, designating \$700,000 to help Lucille's 1913's chef-driven meal program increase from hundreds to thousands of meals per day in support of Houston's low-income senior community.

Kinder Foundation's support of 1913's meal initiative can be traced back to the non-profit's inaugural 2020 Holiday Meal Giveaway, which distributed 5,000 meals to Houston's Third Ward community with a \$50,000 gift. This was followed by an additional \$250,000 gift in February 2021, which supported and expanded Lucille's 1913's Winter Storm Uri relief efforts.

In addition to meal expansion, Kinder Foundation has also extended \$315,000 to support Lucille's 1913's overall capacity building and internal infrastructure. This pushes forth the non-profit's expanded mission to combat food insecurity and waste; create training and employment opportunities in traditionally under-resourced neighborhoods; and empower communities to discover a self-sustainable livelihood through food. Most recently, Kinder Foundation's gift has powered the expansion of Lucille's 1913's van fleet, which enables the organization to expand services to new corners of the city; deliver increased daily meal counts; and more efficiently tackle disaster response.

"Our hope at the Kinder Foundation is that no one in Houston will go hungry. We applaud Chris Williams and Lucille's 1913 for the work they do to feed so many Houstonians in need, especially with their current effort to feed seniors in 3rd Ward and surrounding communities. We are deeply proud to support their mission," said Nancy Kinder, CEO of Kinder Foundation.

"We are thrilled to be expanding our relationship with Kinder Foundation. They have supported our vision from the beginning, and this donation truly changes Lucille's 1913's immediate impact," explains Williams. "Their belief in our expanded mission will enable us to get out there and do

what we do best — use food to create a sustainable livelihood for Houstonians in need.”

ABOUT LUCILLE'S 1913

Founded in 2020 by Chef Chris Williams of Lucille's Hospitality Group, Lucille's 1913 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is building a vertically integrated ecosystem that will combat food insecurity and waste; create training and employment opportunities in traditionally under-resourced neighborhoods; and empower communities to discover a self-sustainable livelihood through food. Since its inception during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lucille's 1913 has provided more than 400,000 meals to Houston's most vulnerable communities. The non-profit is named after Williams' great-grandmother, Lucille B. Smith, an African-American culinary pioneer who launched her catering business in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1913. To find out more, visit www.lucilles1913.org.

ABOUT KINDER FOUNDATION

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation established in 1997 by Rich and Nancy Kinder, has distributed nearly \$452 million in gifts to transformational projects in the areas of urban green space, education and quality of life. In the Third Ward, the Kinder Foundation is involved in several initiatives including Emancipation Park, Project Row Houses, and the Law Harrington Senior Center. For information visit kinderfoundation.org.

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