THE 27th ANNUAL “YMCA SAFE PLACE TURF CLASSIC”
Firefighters Join Effort to Support Cause

LOUISVILLE, KY. (September 20, 2019) – YMCA Safe Place Services’ 27th Annual Turf Classic will take place on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm in Millionaire’s Row at Churchill Downs. The favorite race of the day is something unexpected: corporate-sponsored firefighters race seven furlongs (7/8 of a mile) for a chance to win the Tim Groft Cup. This is the only time of the year humans run on the Turf track at Churchill Downs. The firefighters will run at about 4:20 p.m.

YMCA Safe Place Services’ Turf Classic is truly a one-of-a-kind event, where guests enjoy a day filled with horse racing, food, drinks and of course the Firefighters’ Turf Classic race. This is the only foot race that occurs at Churchill Downs. The turf race offers a challenge for even the most experienced human runners, with thick grass slowing the start and rewarding those who can find their pace. This year’s foot race will be dedicated to fallen firefighter Sgt. Tim Groft.

Tickets may be purchased online at http://ymcasafeplaceservices.org/turf-classic-tickets/ or you may contact Dave Brennan at 502-635-4404 or dbrennan@ymcalouisville.org, to reserve your ticket or learn more about the event. To learn more about YMCA Safe Place Services visit www.YMCASafePlaceServices.org.

The event will also feature a silent auction and Fund the Need Live Auction. Proceeds from the corporate sponsorships and silent auction will benefit YMCA Safe Place Services, which provides safety and support for at-risk youth and families in
crisis, and operates Louisville’s only free, 24-hour shelter for teens. This event is made possible by our generous sponsors with special thanks to our lead sponsors Churchill Downs, Kosair Charities, and White Castle.

ABOUT SAFE PLACE:
The mission of YMCA Safe Place Services is to accept, affirm and advocate for teens and families in crisis through programs which empower youth to reach their full potential in spirit, mind, and body.

ABOUT THE LOUISVILLE AREA YMCA:
The Y is the nation’s leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA has been listening and responding to the needs of our communities for more than 165 years. The Y is dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities.

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