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\$25,000 Awarded to Deserving Meal Maker From Carl Buddig and Company

National Thanks to the Meal Makers Contest Supports Family Mealtime

Chicago, Ill. (Dec. 5, 2018) — [Carl Buddig and Company](#) is awarding Kali Bailey, of Nashville, and her grandmother, Ruth Nehrenz of Sullivan, Ohio, \$25,000 through a contest dedicated to thanking “Meal Makers” as the company celebrates 75 years of feeding family traditions. The “Thanks to the Meal Makers” Contest tasked consumers with submitting a one-minute video thanking the Meal Maker in their life who sacrificed their time to create a long-lasting memory.

The winners of the contest were selected by the authenticity of their story, contextual relevance, audience appeal, quality of their video and the number of votes they received. To celebrate its 75th year, the company awarded over \$75,000 in prizes, including the grand prize of \$25,000 to Kali and Ruth, four first place prizes of \$7,500 and 20 second place prizes of \$750.

“We are a family-owned business, and we understand the importance of family time,” said Tom Buddig, executive vice president of marketing. “The sacrifices family members make to ensure their family is fed deserve to be recognized and appreciated. We are happy we get to reward those who make quality family mealtime a regular occurrence.”

The idea of family importance and tradition is reflected in the submission video from Kali Bailey, who nominated her grandmother Ruth Nehrenz, as the Meal Maker in her family’s life. She was the Meal Maker for their large family of 10 and always made sure they were fed well on a budget. Her children spoke of the time they spent sharing their favorite dishes and memories of family mealtime. To watch the winning video submission, [click here](#).

Carl Buddig and Company continues to grow while holding steadfast to its core heritage, values and traditions. The company is honored to be a part of its associates' and consumers' lives and family traditions for the last 75 years and looks forward to continuing that legacy. For more information about Carl Buddig and Company, please visit www.buddig.com.

About Carl Buddig and Company

Carl Buddig and Company, based in Homewood, Illinois, is owned and operated by third generation Buddig Family members. The Company is also proud that in recent years fourth generation family members have also joined the organization. In 2018, Carl Buddig and Company will celebrate its 75th year of feeding family traditions with the very best in taste, variety and convenience. In addition to manufacturing and distributing great-tasting lunchmeat products, Carl Buddig and Company is also the parent company responsible for manufacturing and distribution of Old Wisconsin® hardwood-smoked sausage and meat snack products in supermarkets across the country. In June 2017, Carl Buddig and Company entered the barbecue and specialty meats business and is now manufacturing products under the Kingsford Brand. To learn more, please visit www.buddig.com and www.oldwisconsin.com and www.KingsfordBBQMeats.com.

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