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Express Clydesdales Named Champions in Calgary

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 9, 2015 – Another memorable appearance at the prestigious Calgary Stampede's World Champion competition in Calgary Alberta, Canada, brought home more championships for the decorated Express Clydesdales of Express Employment Professionals.

The Clydesdales won first place in the Clydesdale Four-Horse Hitch, Clydesdale Six-Horse Hitch, Clydesdale Ladies Cart, Clydesdale Unicorn Hitch and the Clydesdale Team competition.

Additionally, Danny, a five-year-old Clydesdale gelding and member of the Express Clydesdale team was named the Supreme Champion Clydesdale and won Best in Show during the competition.

Nationally recognized as one of the best drivers in the industry, Josh Minshull serves as general manager of the Express Clydesdales and led the team to their multiple first place finishes.

"It was an honor to be a part of the Calgary Stampede again this year and we're very proud of the entire Express Clydesdales team for their hard work and accomplishments at this year's competition," Minshull said. "We're excited to bring these championships back to Oklahoma, celebrate with our team and start getting ready for the next competition."

The Clydesdale barn and welcome center are located on the Express Ranches, a 6,000 acre ranch in Yukon, Okla. There are 22 Clydesdale geldings on the ranch, each standing 17-18 hands high and weighing around 2,000 pounds each. Their shoes are the size of dinner plates and weigh more than three pounds each.

The Express Clydesdales have participated in many nationally recognized parades and promotional events including Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Tournament of Roses Parade, Fiesta Bowl Parade, Orange Bowl Parade, Hollywood Parade, the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, the International Finals Rodeo, and the Professional Bull Riders World Finals. The world-renowned Clydesdales escorted Britain's Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and his wife, Kate, during their visit to North America in 2011.

Serving as ambassadors for Express Employment Professionals, the Express Clydesdales make nearly 150 appearances a year, helping raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other charities.

For more information, visit <u>Expressclydesdales.com</u>.

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Express Employment Professionals puts people to work. It generated \$2.85 billion in sales and employed more than 456,000 people in 2014. Express ranks as the largest franchised staffing company and second largest privately held staffing company in the United States. Its long-term goal is to put a million people to work annually.

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