Northwestern Mutual Gives more than $1 Million in Support of Milwaukee Neighborhoods

Funding provides access to programs and support systems in an effort to stimulate positive change

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 23, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Milwaukee residents within the Amani, Metcalfe Park and Muskego Way neighborhoods are serving as catalysts to set priorities, bring development and change within their local communities. To show its commitment and support to these residents and the city, Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, is awarding more than $1 million to nonprofits serving these Milwaukee communities through the company's neighborhoods grants program.

Since 2013, Northwestern Mutual has invested in the Amani, Metcalfe Park and Muskego Way neighborhoods where data demonstrated the most opportunity for improvement within Milwaukee. Financial and volunteer support has been given to nonprofit organizations advancing four outcomes in the neighborhoods: safe neighborhoods; healthy and thriving youth; strong families and quality education.

"What we invest in today will shape our communities tomorrow; by empowering residents to achieve what they want for their children, families and neighborhoods, we are seeing measurable improvements that contribute to a stronger city," said John Kordsmeier, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "These grants support some of Milwaukee's most historic neighborhoods, ensuring safe, healthy and thriving communities for generations to come."

As part of its neighborhood grants program, Northwestern Mutual collaborates with skilled partners to create both public and private partnerships in order to achieve collective impact resulting in systemic and sustainable change. The company uses funding, provides volunteers and convenes key stakeholders in order to have residents implement best practices in the community. Northwestern Mutual also is a part of the Community Development Alliance, which brings together other funders and organizations to attract additional resources to improve neighborhoods throughout the city.

2015 Neighborhood Grant Recipients

Organization
ACTS Community Development Corporation
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
COA Youth & Family Centers
Dominican Center for Women, Inc.
Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin
Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center Inc.
Hunger Task Force
Journey House
Junior Achievement of Wisconsin
Kiva Microfunds
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Milwaukee
Metcalfe Park Building Neighborhood Capacity Program
Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater
Pathfinders
The Parenting Network
Rogers Memorial Hospital Foundation
Safe & Sound
Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
Sojourner Family Peace Center
United Community Center
United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee
Community Collaborations (in partnership with Zilber Family Foundation and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation)
Community Connections Small Grants
Neighborhood Leadership Institute
Partners for Places

All grant recipients are required to show measureable impact and results of their programs.

In addition to its neighborhood grant program, Northwestern Mutual is committed to improving the lives of Milwaukee children and families in need through third grade reading proficiency efforts, its Childhood Cancer Program and making Milwaukee a great place to live and work.

About Northwestern Mutual Foundation
The mission of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation is to improve the lives of children and families in need. The Foundation has given more than $290 million since its inception in 1992 and is designed to create lasting impact in the communities where the company's employees and financial representatives live and work. We accomplish this by combining financial support, volunteerism, thought leadership and convening community partners to deliver the best outcomes. Our efforts are focused nationally on curing childhood cancer, and locally on education, neighborhoods and making our hometown of Milwaukee a great destination.

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