

## Outstanding Volunteers Recognized by Northwestern Mutual with \$280,000 in Grants

Annual Community Service Award celebrates volunteers with grants to local nonprofits

MILWAUKEE, March 3, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- A successful career is not only defined by what is contributed in the office, but the difference one makes in the community. Many Northwestern Mutual financial representatives embody this definition of success by spending their free time reading to children, running for a cause and working hard to improve the community in which they live and work.

To recognize this commitment, Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, presents its Community Service Award each year. Exemplary volunteer work is recognized by the company through \$280,000 in grants on behalf of its financial representatives.

This year, 16 financial representatives across the nation were each honored with a \$15,000 grant to a nonprofit of their choice. Additionally, one winner in each of the four regions was recognized as *most exceptional* and received \$25,000 for his or her organization.

To hear the stories about this year's *most exceptional* winners, watch their YouTube videos at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7u7mvVIEKJCLOAk10Rp\\_uFnkhV0g4AZ2](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7u7mvVIEKJCLOAk10Rp_uFnkhV0g4AZ2)

"We encourage everyone to pursue their passions, both at the office and outside of work," said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Our Community Service Award acknowledges our network of financial professionals who spend their free time working to improve communities and better the lives of others."

Since 1995, the foundation has donated more than \$4.8 million to nonprofits on behalf of its representatives. This year's Community Service Award winners were announced at the company's regional meetings, with grants presented to nonprofits at local events throughout the country. For more information about Northwestern Mutual, visit [www.northwesternmutual.com](http://www.northwesternmutual.com).

### 2016 Northwestern Mutual Community Service Award Winners

Most Exceptional		
Name	Organization	Office Location
Mitchell Barnes CLU, ChFC, CAP	DREAM Foundation Inc.	Louisville, Kentucky
Laurie A. Z. Bitter, CLU, ChFC, CFP	Ecker Center for Mental Health	Elgin, Illinois
Allen Snyder III, CLU, ChFC	Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition	Boston, Massachusetts
Walter Zimmerman Jr.	Sertoma Inc.	Phoenix, Arizona

Community Service Awards		
Brian Boyd, ChFC	Make-A-Wish Northeastern CA & Northern NV	Sacramento, California
David Capo, CLU, ChFC, CASL	Junior Achievement Greater New Orleans	Metairie, Louisiana
Gregory Constantino, CLTC	Special Olympics New York (SONY)	Fairport, New York
Bill Harder	The Meyer Center for Special Children	Greenville, South Carolina
Daniel Jenkins, CLU, AEP	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Nathan Karges, CLU, ChFC, CLTC	Sammy's Superheroes	Columbus, Nebraska
Kevin Kaveney	Citizen Soldier Connection	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Deana Lehman	American Diabetes Association	Denver, Colorado
Paul Ludacka, CLU, ChFC, CFP	Open Door Mission	Omaha, Nebraska
L. Aaron Mendelson, CLU	Friends of Veritas Preparatory Charter School	Springfield, Massachusetts
James Newlon, CLU	Mid-Cities Care Corps	Bedford, Texas
James Smith, CLU, ChFC, CFP	Developmental Services Center	Mahomet, Illinois

### 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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