Northwestern Mutual celebrates the season of giving with $225,000 donation to Milwaukee-area nonprofits

Days of Sharing program awards grants on behalf of employees

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 1, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, is acknowledging organizations that enhance the quality of life in the Milwaukee community by awarding $225,000 in grants to deserving nonprofits. Through its *Days of Sharing* program, 25 local organizations will receive $1,000 to $10,000 grants on behalf of Northwestern Mutual employees. Now in its ninth year, the annual campaign awards grants based on employee nominations.

"At Northwestern Mutual, giving back is a part of our culture so we are fortunate to have employees who are dedicated to strengthening their local communities," said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "The *Days of Sharing* program is a way we recognize their volunteer service for the worthy organizations in which they are personally involved."

Hundreds of employees nominated their preferred local 501(c)3 nonprofit and the 25 winning grants were chosen at random. In addition, Northwestern Mutual provided its employees the chance to vote for pre-selected nonprofits to receive grants totaling $125,000. This year the six chosen include Alzheimer's Association of Wisconsin, Diverse & Resilient, Make a Difference Wisconsin, Make a Wish Wisconsin, Milwaukee Homeless Veteran's Initiative and PEARLS for Teen Girls. Since 2007, the company has awarded more than $1.3 million in grants on behalf of its employees through its *Days of Sharing* program.

Northwestern Mutual's 2016 *Days of Sharing* recipient organizations are:

Adaptive Community Approach (ACAP)
Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin
Community Projects for Seniors
Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle
Danceworks
Family Promise of Ozaukee County
First Stage
Franklin High School Orchestra
Huntington's Disease Society of WI
Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary School PTA (Racine)
Lake Country School
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation
Milwaukee Rescue Mission
Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals
SaintA
SET Ministry Inc.

South Milwaukee Human Concerns
St. Anthony Parish School
The Grand Avenue Club
The Turkey Club
Vital Voices for Mental Health
Wehr Nature Center
Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog
Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc.

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 $300 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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