

Northwestern Mutual 128th Rose Parade® Float "Waves of Hope" Awarded Animation Trophy

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Northwestern Mutual's](#) "Waves of Hope" float was awarded the Animation Trophy at the [128th Rose Parade presented by Honda](#) in Pasadena, Calif. The award recognizes the best display of animation.

"Waves of Hope," built by Fiesta Parade Floats, honored cancer survivors Edie and Emily Gilger and Dr. Yael Mossé of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the researcher whose innovative treatment saved their lives. Edie, now 7, fought neuroblastoma as an infant, and her mother, Emily, was diagnosed with the same disease soon after. Steve Guinan, a Northwestern Mutual managing partner in Pennsylvania who is passionate about fighting childhood cancer, also rode on the float.

"Northwestern Mutual is honored to have the opportunity to bring Edie's story to life and shine a light on childhood cancer," said Conrad York, vice president of marketing at Northwestern Mutual.

The float showcased the carefree joy of being a child and how, for so many children fighting cancer, this joy is only possible because of innovative research and funding. In addition, Northwestern Mutual presented a \$100,000 donation to the [V Foundation for Cancer Research](#) at the [Rose Bowl Game® presented by Northwestern Mutual](#). The funds will benefit pediatric cancer research.

"Nothing compares to the innocence of childhood," said Norm Bowling, chief revenue officer for the V Foundation. "Northwestern Mutual's generous gift of \$100,000 to the V Foundation will help fund more research into the prevention and cures for childhood cancers, one day enabling all kids to enjoy a life carefree of this disease."

Northwestern Mutual has made a commitment to funding research devoted to childhood cancer since 2012. The company's [Childhood Cancer Program](#) has contributed more than \$12 million, funding over 130,000 hours of research with the help of its employees and financial representatives nationwide.

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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.

About the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that annually hosts America's New Year Celebration® with the Rose Parade® presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game® presented by Northwestern Mutual and a variety of accompanying events. 935 volunteer members of the association will drive the success of 128th Rose Parade themed "*Echoes of Success*," on Monday, January 2, 2017, followed by the 103rd Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit www.tournamentofroses.com. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube and visit our blog at blog.tournamentofroses.com.

About the V Foundation for Cancer Research

The V Foundation for Cancer Research is dedicated to declaring victory over cancer. It was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary North Carolina State basketball coach and ESPN commentator. Since 1993, the Foundation has funded more than \$170 million in cancer research grants nationwide. It awards 100 percent of all direct cash donations to cancer research and related programs. Due to generous donors, the Foundation has an endowment that covers administrative expenses. The Foundation awards peer-reviewed grants through a competitive awards process vetted by a Scientific Advisory Committee. For more information on The V Foundation, please visit www.jimmyv.org.

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