Northwestern Mutual Provides \$225,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

Company employees nominate Milwaukee-area organizations during Days of Sharing program

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 21, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, is dedicating its support to causes that are meaningful to the company's employees with grants totaling \$225,000. Twenty-five local nonprofits will receive \$1,000 to \$10,000 on behalf of Northwestern Mutual employees through the company's *Days of Sharing* program, now in its 10th year.

"We continually strive to cultivate a culture focused on giving back, and our employees are a key part of this," saiŒric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Our Days of Sharing program provides an opportunity to celebrate the season of giving while honoring the volunteer service and community support given by dedicated employees."

Beginning in October, employees nominated their nonprofits of choice. From that group, 25 organizations were chosen at random. Northwestern Mutual also encouraged employees to vote for pre-selected nonprofits to receive grants totaling \$125,000. This year, the top five chosen from this list are Alzheimer's Association of Wisconsin, Girls Who Code, Fisher House Wisconsin, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Milwaukee and Latino Veterans Legacy of Valor Foundation.

2017 Days of Sharing recipient organizations are:

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee
Bloom360 Learning Community
Cathedral Center
Charlie Bessette Scholarship Fund
Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle
Downtown Montessori Academy
Feeding America
Growing South Milwaukee
Lad Lake
Latino Veterans Legacy of Valor Foundation
Martin Luther High School
Milwaukee Torrent Community Foundation
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin
Second Hand Purrs
Secure Futures
SET Ministry
South Milwaukee Human Concerns

Special Spaces Wisconsin
Stars and Stripes Honor Flight
Stellar Collegiate Charter School
Trinity Lutheran School
Wisconsin Independent Learning College

This year's program invited the company's New York and Arizona offices to nominate nonprofits in their communities alongside the Milwaukee-area campuses. Since 2007, the company has awarded more than\$1.5 million in grants on behalf of its employees through *Days of Sharing*.

About Northwestern Mutual Foundation

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