

Northwestern Mutual Commits to Milwaukee Education with More Than \$2.1 Million Investment

Grants will fund mentorship, third-grade reading proficiency and high school programming

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 5, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual is committed to providing the next generation of leaders with access to quality educational programs that support long-term success. The company, through its Foundation, today announced more than \$2.1 million in grants for local nonprofits, organizations and resources focused on helping students achieve educational excellence.

"Our investment in Milwaukee's education system is focused on areas shown to have a significant impact on a student's overall success," said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Supporting third-grade reading proficiency, mentorship and high school programming demonstrates our ongoing commitment to ensuring our city's children and youth reach their highest potential."

Spotlight: Youth Voice Project

This year's recipients include participants in the Northwestern Mutual Youth Voice Project in collaboration with Milwaukee Public School partners. The Youth Voice Project provides students with the opportunity to work together in teams and develop ideas to better their school. Teams then compete for a \$10,000 grant to put their ideas into action. With support from coaches from Northwestern Mutual's African American Employee Resource Group and learning community of practice, students gain a sense of pride for their school and experience leadership opportunities.

This year, students from Auer Avenue School, Carver Academy and Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School successfully competed in the program, each earning a \$10,000 grant to improve their school. The grants will help fund Playworks for Auer Avenue School, a mindfulness room for Carver Academy and a new STEAM room for Gwen T. Jackson School. Watch a video on the project [here](#).

Here is the complete list of this year's grant recipients:

Third Grade Reading Proficiency & Mentoring
Arts @ Large
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee
Board of Regents University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
Center for Urban Teaching
City Forward Collective (Previously PAVE + Schools That Can Milwaukee)
City Year Milwaukee
COA Youth & Family Centers
Columbia St. Mary's (Smart Smiles Program)
Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee
Families and Schools Together
First Stage
Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
Milwaukee College Prep

Milwaukee Public Schools (Auer Avenue School, George Washington Carver Academy, Clarke Street School, Forest Home Avenue School, Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School, and Ralph H. Metcalfe School)
Milwaukee Succeeds
Next Door Foundation
Notre Dame Primary
Penfield Children's Center
Rocketship Southside Community Prep
SHARP Literacy
St. Marcus Lutheran School
Teach For America Milwaukee
The Literacy Lab
United Community Center
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (My Very Own Library)
Unity in Motion
Wisconsin Reading Corps
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee
Youth Frontiers
High School Programs
All-In Milwaukee
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
Carmen High School of Science & Technology
Central City Cyberschool
College Possible
Golda Meir High School
Hmong American Peace Academy
Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School
Milwaukee Academy of Science
Milwaukee Excellence Charter School
Pathways High
Pius XI High School
St. Augustine Preparatory Academy

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

Locally, Northwestern Mutual also collaborates with partners to revitalize neighborhoods and support prominent local destinations. Nationally, the company supports research to find a cure for childhood cancer.

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