Northwestern Mutual - Sioux Falls Honored as Company's 2019 Most Exceptional Childhood Cancer Impact Award Winner

Office receives $100,000 grant for childhood cancer-related organizations as part of its award

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 10, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Through its Childhood Cancer Program, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation has made it part of its mission to provide patient, parent and sibling services to help families and children affected by childhood cancer live their lives to the fullest. Through the company's sixth annual Childhood Cancer Impact Awards, Northwestern Mutual – Sioux Falls has been designated the *Most Exceptional* winner for its outstanding support of the cause.

"Every year, we're inspired by the continued effort and commitment our advisors across the country dedicate to the fight against childhood cancer," said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Our advisors and their teams at Northwestern Mutual – Sioux Falls are changing the lives of countless children and families, and we're proud to recognize their continued dedication."

A total of $250,000 has been donated through this year's awards program, with three of the winning offices each receiving a $50,000 grant for their efforts. As this year's *Most Exceptional* winner, Northwestern Mutual – Sioux Falls received an additional $50,000 grant for a total of $100,000. The funds have been designated to several childhood cancer organizations the office supports, including Camp Quality, Ronald McDonald House Charities – South Dakota, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and the Sanford Health Foundation.

The office, led by managing partner Christopher Schenkel, is a long-time supporter of childhood cancer-related efforts. Since 2016, it has given more than 13,700 volunteer hours and raised more than $115,000 toward the cause. In addition to sponsoring three local families battling pediatric cancer, the team has continued to develop its partnership with Sanford Children's Hospital, the largest provider of pediatric care in the region, by supporting Sanford Children's Cure Kids Cancer, Camp Bring It On! and an upcoming sponsorship for Beads of Courage. Northwestern Mutual – Sioux Falls was also recently recognized as a leading fundraising office in the company's Race for Research, an annual corporate challenge to drive awareness and financial support for childhood cancer, for the third consecutive year.

"Our involvement in the Childhood Cancer Program has provided us the remarkable opportunity to interact with families impacted by this experience," said Schenkel. "We've heard their stories, seen their struggles and even lost one of the children we sponsored. This program is vital to us."

Since the inception of the Childhood Cancer Impact Awards program, nearly $1.7 million in grants has been donated.

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The mission of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation is to improve the lives of children and families in need. The Foundation has given more than $353 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. Visit Northwestern Mutual Foundation to learn more.

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