

# Northwestern Mutual Awards Nearly \$300,000 in Grants for Exemplary Volunteerism

Company advisors demonstrate strengthened commitment amidst nationwide volunteerism increase

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 23, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Despite the ongoing challenges of the past year, a recent [study](#) found that 85% of nonprofit organizations had an increase in volunteerism requests, more than double pre-pandemic levels. Northwestern Mutual's financial advisors have been no exception, as they continue to serve their communities where support is needed most. To spotlight these efforts, the company, through its Foundation, is awarding nearly \$300,000 in grants to nonprofits nationwide as part of its 2021 Community Service Awards Program.

Sixteen financial advisors are recognized each year through this program for going above and beyond through volunteer service. As part of the award, each winner receives a grant to benefit a local nonprofit they support. Twelve of this year's winners have been recognized with a \$15,000 grant. Three of these winners also received an additional \$5,000 grant for supporting organizations with a connection to the company's Childhood Cancer Program. The four *Most Exceptional* winners each received a \$25,000 grant for their organizations.

"No matter the odds, our advisors have remained committed to helping others," said Eric Christophersen, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Their spirit and dedication is an inspiration and we're proud to recognize the meaningful change they've accomplished."

Since 1995, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation has donated more than \$6.3 million through its Community Service Awards program. This year's winners were recently announced at the company's virtual regional meeting.

## 2021 Northwestern Mutual Community Service Award Winners

<b>Most Exceptional Winners (\$25,000 grant)</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Office Location</b>
Kevin Bode	Knead Community Cafe	New Kensington, PA
Nate Fikse, CLU®, CLF®, ChFC®	LEAD OC	Castle Rock, CO
Daniel Jenkins, CLU®, AEP®	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Sean Pickett, CLU®	Near West Little League	Chicago, IL
<b>Outstanding Winners (\$20,000 grant)*</b>		

Luke Madsen, CLU®, CFP®	The Goodtimes Project	Seattle, WA
Keith O. Moeller, CPA, CFP®, RICP®, MBA	Crescent Cove	Minnetonka, MN
Mark Wise, CLU®, ChFC®, CASL®, AEP®, RICP®, CFP®	Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent	Indianapolis, IN
<b>Outstanding Winners (\$15,000 grant)</b>		
Thomas Albrecht	P.C.U.P.S. Foundation	Mt. Pleasant, MI
Dana M. DiNigro	CNY Quest	New Hartford, NY
Carrie Eisenmenger	United Way of Champaign County	Champaign, IL
Matthew Krueger, CLU®	NAMI Rock County	Janesville, WI
Bette Lubas	Foodstock NJ	Wall Township, NJ
William Newman, CFP®, CLU®, ChFC®, CASL®	Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region	Albany, NY
Thomas Patnode	United Heroes League	Mendota Heights, MN
Edward "Ted" Shanahan, RICP®	Homestretch	Reston, VA
Robert Spencer, CFA®, CFP®, RICP®	Kate's Club	Atlanta, GA

*\*Received additional \$5,000 grant for connection to the company's Childhood Cancer Program.*

### **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 \$400 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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