Northwestern Mutual's African American Employee Resource Group Announces Make a Difference Wisconsin as Signature Community Partner

\$5,000 grant to provide 90 Milwaukee-area teens with financial literacy education

MILWAUKEE, March 20, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- With a commitment to both funding and volunteerism, Northwestern Mutual's African American Employee Resource Group (AA-ERG) announced Make a Difference – Wisconsin Inc. (MADW) as their signature community partner. On Wednesday, this announcement was accompanied with a \$5,000 donation, provided through the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, to support their financial literacy programs in Milwaukee-area high schools. The grant will provide an additional 90 Milwaukee-area teens with financial literacy education during the 2014 – 2015 school year.

"Realizing the urgent need for financial literacy education throughout America, we're excited to begin partnering with Make a Difference – Wisconsin and to improve the financial future of Milwaukee youth," said Northwestern Mutual African American Employee Resource Group chair Tracy Byron.

Make a Difference – Wisconsin Inc. is a non-profit agency with a mission to provide financial literacy programs and resources that empower students to make sound financial decisions. Choosing Make a Difference Wisconsin as their community partner aligns with Northwestern Mutual's corporate goal to provide financial security and strengthen communities where its employees and financial representatives live and work. Together, with community partners, Northwestern Mutual is improving education, revitalizing neighborhoods and accelerating cures for childhood cancer.

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 nearly \$270 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.

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