

Northwestern Mutual Foundation Announces Neighborhood and Workforce Development Grants

MILWAUKEE ([BUSINESS WIRE](#)), July 13, 2011 - The [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) – the largest corporate giver in the state of Wisconsin – is announcing \$625,000 in grants to help nonprofits that work to enhance the local economy through job training, community development, and neighborhood revitalization.

“Revitalizing neighborhoods and improving quality of life for people in need creates a positive ripple effect within the community,” says Deanna Tillisch, Northwestern Mutual Foundation vice president. “These organizations enhance the region’s economic vitality by preparing residents for entry-level jobs, helping entrepreneurs start their own small businesses and making neighborhoods safer and more vibrant.”

Spotlight on Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin is one of the organizations that will receive a grant from the [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) for its workforce development efforts through the Milwaukee-area Goodwill Workforce Connection Centers. The three centers provide employment resources that enable job seekers – from entry-level worker to seasoned professional – connect with employers and job opportunities.

The reach of the Goodwill Workforce Connection Centers continues to increase, with more than 8,000 individuals receiving services in 2010. Services provided by the centers include career exploration and assessment tools, resume and cover letter preparation, onsite interviewing, and access to technology such as computers, printers and fax machines. Services are available to everyone at no cost and with no referrals required. Staff members work directly with employers to identify and match individuals with specific job opportunities.

“The economic recession has intensified the need for local resources such as the Goodwill Workforce Connection Centers to provide services to displaced workers and recent college graduates,” says John Miller, President and CEO, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin. “Goodwill is defined by its commitment to employment for every individual who wants a job and Northwestern Mutual Foundation’s contribution enables us to serve both our mission and Wisconsin residents by connecting them with employers and job opportunities.”

Other organizations receiving a [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) grant include:

Organization

COA Youth and Family Services
Commonbond Communities
Journey House
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Milwaukee Development Corporation
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Safe & Sound
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center
Social Development
United Migrant Opportunity Services
Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, Inc.
Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corp.

Program

Family-Centered Program
Career Advantage Services
Urban Careers Institute
Building Sustainable Communities
Economic Development Programs with Milwaukee
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House Sponsorships
Midtown Neighborhood Initiative
Silver Spring/Havenwoods Employment Initiative
Milwaukee Asset Building
GED Bridge to Career Pathways Program
Urban Skills Trades Connection
Smart Start Business Planning

About the Northwestern Mutual Foundation

The mission of the [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) is to build strong, vibrant communities that serve as a legacy to future generations. The Foundation’s giving is designed to create an impact on the communities where the company’s employees and financial representatives live and work. In fiscal year 2011, the Foundation contributed more than \$15 million to nonprofit organizations across the country.

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