

## Northwestern Mutual Foundation Grants Address Hunger, Homelessness and Access to Medical Care

MILWAUKEE ([BUSINESS WIRE](#)), August 11, 2011 - The [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) – the largest corporate giver in the state of Wisconsin – is announcing \$730,000 in grants to help 22 southeastern Wisconsin nonprofits serving the basic needs of food, shelter and medical assistance to the homeless.

“When people in our neighborhoods – especially single mothers and children – are hungry, homeless or struggling to secure medical treatment, it affects the entire community,” said Deanna Tillisch, vice president of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation. “These grants will help provide people-in-need with the foundation for a better life. Our goal is to help strengthen the community by enabling nonprofits to provide immediate assistance where it matters most.”

### Spotlight on Hope House of Milwaukee

One recipient of a [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) basic needs grant is the long-term transitional housing nonprofit, **Hope House of Milwaukee**. The organization will allocate the grant funds to support programs such as its **Chrysalis Project**, an initiative designed to meet the housing and developmental needs of chronically homeless families, with a focus on children. Hope House of Milwaukee adopted this program in 1996 to find permanent solutions to chronic homelessness. The program provides stable, long-term housing to women and families as a starting point in tackling the barriers preventing them from reaching residential independence.

“Homelessness is on the rise in Southeastern Wisconsin, especially among single mothers and families who arrive at our doors without a safe place for their children to sleep at night,” said Ken Schmidt, executive director, Hope House of Milwaukee. “The Northwestern Mutual Foundation grant will allow Hope House to expand residential and temporary housing. The goal is to not have to turn anybody away in need, and, ultimately, create a ripple effect of positive change in the community.”

Funds will also help the nonprofit to continue operating its 34-bed emergency shelter. Last year, Hope House of Milwaukee served more than 13,000 men, women, and children in need of homeless services.

Organizations receiving a [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) basic needs grant include:

#### Organization

##### Food

Feeding America  
Fondy Food Center  
Hunger Task Force  
IMPACT 211  
The Gathering

##### Shelter

American Red Cross  
Guest House of Milwaukee  
Hope House of Milwaukee  
Milwaukee Rescue Mission  
Pathfinders  
Salvation Army of Greater Milwaukee  
Sojourner Family Peace Center  
St. Aemilian Lakeside  
Transitional Living Services Crisis Resource Center  
Walker’s Point Youth & Family Center  
Women’s Center Waukesha

##### Medical/Dental

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin  
Bread of Healing Clinic  
Milwaukee Health Care Partnership  
Seton Dental Clinic

## 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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