

## Northwestern Mutual announces Days of Sharing grant winners

Employee-nominated nonprofits will receive \$100,000

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 11, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, is awarding 25 grants totaling \$100,000 to local nonprofits on behalf of winners in Northwestern Mutual's [Days of Sharing](#) campaign. The annual program encourages employees to nominate local nonprofits they care deeply about to receive grant funds in their name.

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\*\*\* [Watch us surprise this year's Days of Sharing winners in this YouTube video](#) \*\*\*

"Northwestern Mutual employees have a long history of giving back to the community," said John Kordsmeier, president, Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "This is a unique way for us to recognize and honor the passion that employees have for strengthening the places where we live and work."

More than 770 [Northwestern Mutual](#) employees nominated their favorite local nonprofit as part of the *Days of Sharing* program this year. The 25 winning employees and nonprofits were chosen at random throughout the month of November and range in amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

### 2012 Days of Sharing Winners

Nonprofit Organization	Northwestern Mutual Employee	Nonprofit Organization	Northwestern Mutual Employee
Hartland Arrowhead School - Broadway Company	Thomas Krajewski	Vital Voices for Mental Health	Diep Graham
Milwaukee Gay Arts Center	James McFarland	Wisconsin Parkinson's Association	Susan Rognsvoog
Running Rebels Community Organization	Avery Harris	Alzheimer's Association	Cindi Vasquez
Shorewood Intermediate School	Parvati Pillai	Bay View Community Center	Alexander Nepple
Tosa Cares	Kim Nelson	Literacy Services of Wisconsin	Julie Knox
Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle (CBCGC) Inc.	Shanita Rowsey	Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MAACC Fund)	Elizabeth Whitcomb
Family Promise of Washington County	Allyson Bubb	Woodland Pattern Book Center	Lisa Corona
My Good Mourning Place	Joseph Marshall	LeRoy Butler Breast Cancer Foundation	Suzanne Balistreri
Ozaukee Family Services	Daniel Switalski	Lutheran Social Services - Birth to Three Program	Rebecca Mitchell
St. Matthew's School - Oak Creek	Kelly Koronowski	National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Wisconsin Chapter	Rochelle Thomas
Howard Avenue Montessori School	Amanda Moore	Next Door Foundation Inc.	Erica Kieffer
Milwaukee Chinese Community Center	Xiaohe Wang	VSA Wisconsin	Matt Vobejda
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network	Rebecca Reynolds		

Additionally, more than 1,000 Northwestern Mutual employees donate a collective 21,000 hours each year to community volunteer efforts, including mentoring, serving on nonprofit boards and participating in charity drives.

In the program's five-year history, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants on behalf of its employees.

### Northwestern Mutual Foundation

The mission of the [Northwestern Mutual Foundation](#) – the largest corporate foundation in the state of Wisconsin – 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 2013, the Foundation will contribute \$16.9 million to nonprofit organizations across the country.

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