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Hertvik Insurance Group Helps Next Step Up with \$8,500 Donation
Westfield's Legacy of Caring Program Partners with Westfield Insurance Agencies to Support Dozens of Nonprofits Across the Country

Medina, OH, May 15, 2025, -- Westfield has teamed up with Hertvik Insurance Group to donate \$8,500 to Next Step Up as part of Westfield's Legacy of Caring program. Each year, Westfield's top independent insurance agents are invited to nominate a local nonprofit in their community to receive a donation. Donations are made to dozens of nonprofits in cities across Westfield's national footprint.

The Westfield Insurance Foundation, an independent private foundation endowed by Westfield, awards the donations to support their top agents' local communities. Since 2015, the Legacy of Caring program supports nonprofits focused on helping families or businesses stabilize or recover from disasters – mirroring what the insurance industry does every day for their customers.

"As Westfield enters our 177th year, we achieved this longevity by generations of employees and agents working together, committed to preserving and propelling our communities forward." said Ed Largent, Westfield president, CEO, board chair and Westfield Insurance Foundation chairman. "Westfield continues to build on the strong commitment of caring that the founders of our company imagined. It's a great feeling to link arms with our agents and make an impact."

"The team at Hertvik Insurance Group is always seeking opportunities to volunteer and support our community," said Jack Hertvik, President, Hertvik Insurance Group. "We are proud and thankful for our collaboration with Westfield, which helps our agency make a more powerful impact on the communities where we live and work."

"We are so grateful for the generous support to Next Step Up, said Skip Sipos, Executive Director, Next Step Up. "The Legacy of Caring grant will have a direct impact on providing safe, temporary housing and critical support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and help families and businesses realize short-term successes with long-lasting outcomes."

At Westfield, it's about more than writing insurance policies, it's about going above and beyond to help communities thrive and prosper. Offering support that reflects these values is at the core of the Westfield Insurance Foundation. Westfield is proud to partner with independent agents through the Legacy of Caring program.



Pictured: Jack Hertvik, President, Hertvik Insurance Group; Julie Haas, Marketing, Hertvik Insurance Group; Jessie Kane, Program Director, MMHA; Skip Sipos, Executive Director, Next Step Up



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About Hertvik Insurance Group

Hertvik Insurance Group is one of Northeast Ohio's premiere independent insurance agencies that delivers insurance and financial services to individuals and businesses in Ohio and throughout the US since 1946. Service Northeast Ohio in Medina, with affiliate offices in Monroeville and North Canton. To learn more, visit www.hertvik.com

About Next Step Up

Next Step Up Emergency Housing Shelter is a nonprofit organization based in Medina, Ohio, dedicated to providing safe, temporary housing and critical support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. With a mission to offer more than just shelter, Next Step Up empowers residents to regain stability through case management, job readiness programs, mental health resources, and connections to long-term housing solutions. The shelter serves as a compassionate bridge for those in crisis, helping them take the next step toward independence and a brighter future. To learn more or get involved, visit www.nextstepupshelter.org.

About Westfield

Founded in 1848, Westfield is a global leader in property and casualty insurance, delivering superior risk insights and innovative solutions to customers through a diverse portfolio of insurance products. Westfield underwrites commercial, personal, surety, and specialty lines of coverage through a network of leading independent agents and brokers in the United States and specialty products through Lloyd's of London Syndicate 1200. As a mutual insurance company with nearly 3,000 employees, Westfield has revenues in excess of \$4 billion and more than \$11 billion in assets. Through an endowed private foundation, Westfield gives \$3.5 million annually, focusing on nonprofits that complement insurance by helping individuals, families and businesses stabilize or recover from disasters. Learn more at westfieldinsurance.com