

The Canopy Group Lends a Hand to Union Gospel Mission-Twin Cities with \$8,000 Donation

Westfield's Legacy of Caring donation helps the hurting and homeless in the Twin Cities metro area recover from the pandemic

St. Paul, MN (11/16/21) – Union Gospel Mission-Twin Cities was nominated by The Canopy Group to receive a \$8,000 donation to help the 830AM WCCO Radio Hunger Mission Radiothon as part of Westfield's Legacy of Caring program. Each year, Westfield independent insurance agents, like The Canopy Group are invited to nominate a local nonprofit for the Legacy of Caring program. The Westfield Insurance Foundation, an independent private foundation endowed by Westfield, awards the donation as an extension of the fundamental role that insurance plays every day in stabilizing families, businesses and communities in times of uncertainty.

This year, the grant program, funded by Westfield Insurance Foundation, is focused on supporting nonprofits that are helping families and businesses stabilize and recover from the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the last 15 months, nonprofits became increasingly important as the number of people in need increased while funding support simultaneously evaporated. Many agents participating in the Legacy of Caring program this year elected to nominate their local Feeding America foodbank, Urban League or United Way because of the critical resources they provide to their communities.

"As our businesses and schools reopen and 'return to normal,' Westfield's *Legacy of Caring* program reminds us that it may take years to return to the stability and security people and businesses, including nonprofits, enjoyed before the pandemic happened," said Paul Borchert, Managing Partner

"We are so grateful for the generous support of the Westfield Legacy of Caring Program", said Chuck Semro. "The Legacy of Caring grant will have a direct impact on our homeless neighbors in need and will help us provide the support and hope needed to be successful."

The Westfield Insurance Foundation will donate more than \$600,000 dollars to neighborhoods across the country. The Canopy Group is one of nearly 100 agencies that nominated a nonprofit, including Union Gospel Mission – Twin Cities for the Westfield Legacy of Caring grant program. Westfield is proud to work with their independent agents in distributing over \$3 million since 2015.

"We value our partnerships with our independent insurance agencies," said Ed Largent, Westfield President, CEO, and Westfield Insurance Foundation Chair. "2020 was an incredibly tough year and Westfield recognizes that families trying to achieve and maintain stability were faced with multiple barriers to success. Investing in our agents' communities will help families realize short-term successes with long-lasting outcomes."

The Canopy Group

The Canopy Group is an independent insurance agency that has been offering auto, home business and health insurance solutions since 1930. Named the Minnesota Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers 2018 Agency of the Year, The Canopy Group is passionate about providing clients with insurance options, an annual review and exceptional service.

Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities

Founded in 1902, Union Gospel Mission (UGM) is a Christian ministry dedicated to serving people facing homelessness, poverty, or addiction in our community. By meeting physical, spiritual, emotional, and educational needs, our Mission is changing lives!

The Mission helps people rebuild their lives by providing **safe shelter, nutritious food, medical and dental care**, and a broad variety of life-changing programs for **children and adults**.

Our goal is to encourage each person to value themselves as God values them, to see the gifts they have to offer the world, and to help them seek out a bright future as a fully contributing member of our community.

About Westfield Insurance Foundation

Westfield Insurance Foundation was established in 2005 as an independent private foundation endowed by Westfield Insurance. In keeping with the values of Westfield Insurance, the Foundation exists as a dedicated community and industry partner; concentrating resources to have an impact on safety, disaster recovery and family stability. The Foundation donates over \$3 million annually to a variety of charities.

About Westfield

Westfield was founded in 1848 by a small group of hard-working farmers who believed in the promise of the future and the power of the individual. Today, as one of the nation's leading property and casualty (P&C) companies, we remain true to their vision and are dedicated to your protection and prosperity and to the progress of our community. Visit westfieldinsurance.com for more information.

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