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**Hertvik Insurance Group Lends a Hand to Community Action  
Wayne/Medina County with \$8,000 Donation**

*Westfield's Legacy of Caring donation helps Wayne/Medina County recover from the pandemic*

**Medina, OH, June 14, 2021, --** Community Action Wayne/Medina County (CAW/M) was nominated by Hertvik Insurance Group to receive a \$8,000 donation to help serve the low-income population of Wayne and Medina Counties as part of Westfield's Legacy of Caring program. Each year, Westfield independent insurance agents, like Hertvik Insurance 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 may take years to return to the stability and security people and businesses, including nonprofits, enjoyed before the pandemic happened," said Jack Hertvik, President Hertvik Insurance Group.

"We are so grateful for the generous support of Community Action Wayne/Medina County, said Melissa Pearce, CAW/M President. "The Legacy of Caring grant will have a direct impact on providing much-needed services and opportunities to thousands of low-income people and families in our community 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. Hertvik Insurance Group is one of nearly 100 agencies that nominated a nonprofit, including Community Action Wayne/Medina County, 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."

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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 Sandusky and North Canton.

**About Community Action Wayne/Medina County**

As a private, 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, CAW/M dedicates its resources to serving the low-income population of Wayne and Medina Counties through a strong network of supportive services that promote self-sufficiency based on customers' needs and by investing resources to strengthen the health, welfare and education opportunities for the families served.

**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](http://westfieldinsurance.com) for more information.

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