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**\$10,000 Awarded to Medina's John Charles Haney (JCH) Foundation to Help Create Safe Spaces in Northeast Ohio Schools**

**Medina, OH, August 10, 2022, --** Thanks to the communities' support, Medina's Hertvik Insurance Group has officially awarded a \$10,000 donation to The JCH Foundation, a local organization dedicated to ending the stigma, raising mental health awareness, and supporting students and educators by creating safe spaces in Northeast Ohio schools and spreading John Charles Haney's story.

The \$10,000 award will allow JCH to create three new spaces including furniture, sensory-sensitive devices, headphones, art materials, and decor. Funds will also be allocated towards providing Mental Health First Aid Sessions for schools to offer their teachers in-person suicide prevention training to help recognize risk factors and warning signs.

Julie Mikalacki, Marketing Director for Hertvik Insurance Group, originally received a \$5,000 donation for The JCH Foundation thanks to a submission process with Liberty Mutual® and Safeco Insurance® through their 2022 Make More Happen™ Awards. A story of their local

partnership was featured on the official Make More Happen microsite, [www.agentgiving.com/Hertvik-Insurance-Group](http://www.agentgiving.com/Hertvik-Insurance-Group), where Hertvik insurance Group had the opportunity to raise an additional \$5,000 by conducting a local awareness campaign for the nonprofit. Together with the community, the goal was met increasing the total donation to \$10,000 for The JCH Foundation!

Throughout 2022, Liberty Mutual® and Safeco Insurance® will select up to 37 independent agents nationwide for a Make More Happen Award and Liberty Mutual® and Safeco Insurance® will donate up to \$370,000 to the nonprofits supported by independent insurance agents. Agencies became eligible for the award by submitting an application demonstrating their commitment to a specific nonprofit, along with a photo of a project they participated in.



**Pictured:** Front Row (left to right): Melinda Jack, Hertvik Personal Lines Processor; Megan Stano, Hertvik Account Manager; Alex Capossela, Liberty Mutual Business Lines Territory Manager; Beth Haney, JCH Foundation Founder; Rick Haney, JCH Foundation Founder; MariLou Franczkowski, Hertvik Vice President Personal Lines; Julie Mikalacki, Hertvik Marketing Director; Jill Sedio, Hertvik Receptionist; Second Row (Left to right): Mike McAvinue, Hertvik Vice President Commercial Lines; Christina McGoldrick, Hertvik Account Manager; Tiffany Mekeel, Hertvik Controller; Alyson Dorn, Hertvik Account Manager; Nate Moog, Hertvik Account Manager; Scott Byland, Hertvik Account Executive; Jack Hertvik, Hertvik President; Andrew Ryan, Hertvik Vice President



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In business since 1912, and headquartered in Boston, Mass., today we are the fifth largest global property and casualty insurer based on 2018 gross written premium. We also rank 75th on the fortune 100 list of largest corporations in the U.S. based on 2018 revenue. We employ nearly 50,000 people in 30 countries and economies around the world. We offer a wide range of small commercial insurance products and services through our independent agent partners, including business owners policy, comprehensive business package, inland marine, workers compensation and more.

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In business since 1923, Safeco Insurance sells personal automobile, homeowners and specialty products through a network of more than 10,000 independent insurance agencies throughout the United States. Safeco is a Liberty Mutual Insurance company.

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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.

For more information, please visit [www.hertvik.com](http://www.hertvik.com).

**About The JCH Foundation**

The JCH Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation in loving memory of John Charles Haney. The JCH's Foundation's mission is to end the stigma, raise mental health awareness, and support students and educators by creating safe spaces in Northeast Ohio schools and spreading John's story.

For more information, please visit [www.thejchfoundation.com](http://www.thejchfoundation.com).

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