



## West Bend Names Spirit of the Silver Lining Recipients Across the Midwest

**WEST BEND, WI (March 1, 2018)** – West Bend Mutual Insurance Company recently presented the Spirit of the Silver Lining® Award to 13 of its independent insurance agents. West Bend also donated grant funding to the nonprofit organizations supported by the recipients of the Silver Lining Award.

The Spirit of the Silver Lining Award honors West Bend agents and the nonprofit organizations they support for their dedication to delivering a silver lining to those in need.

The recipients of the 2018 Spirit of the Silver Lining Award are

- Tim Cleary, formerly of M3 Insurance Solutions, Inc. in Madison, WI and Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) in Middleton, WI
- Chad Tisonik of HNI Risk Advisors in New Berlin, WI and Hope Center in Waukesha, WI
- Jim Smith of Gnade Insurance Group, Inc. in Frankfort, IL and Midwest BBQ for the Brave in Frankfort
- Kevin Lesch of Árachas Group, LLC in Bartlett, IL and Young Hearts for Life in Oak Brook Terrace
- Jim Funk of Central Insurance Associates in Indianapolis, IN and Gibault, Inc. in Terra Haute
- Brian Hosking of Hometown Insurance in Brownsburg, IN and The Sunshine Society, Inc. in Whitestown
- Jay Lefevre of First Gabrielson Agency in Clear Lake, IA and One Vision in Clear Lake
- Brian Hughes of LMC Insurance in West Des Moines, IA and Hawthorn Hill in Des Moines
- Brad Gombold of Preferred Insurance Services, Inc. in Arden Hills, MN and Birdies4Brains in Lake Elmo, MN
- Shawn Flavin of Christensen Group in Eden Prairie, MN, Tom Hokr of MHS Advisory Group in Minnetonka, and Minnesota Military Family Foundation in Golden Valley
- Shannon Myers of Becker Insurance Agency in Portage, MI and Kalamazoo Gospel Mission/Kindness Acts in Kalamazoo
- David Drayton of Lyman & Sheets Insurance Agency in Lansing, MI and St. Vincent Catholic Charities in Lansing

“At West Bend, we have a proud tradition of giving back to the communities in which we do business,” said Kevin Steiner, president and CEO of West Bend. “The Spirit of the Silver Lining Award is a unique program that allows us to express our gratitude to our agent partners on whom we rely to identify the causes that matter most in our communities.”

Since 2006, West Bend has awarded more than \$1.2 million in grants for sustaining support, special projects, or capital projects to nonprofit organizations representing a broad field of interests, including, but not limited to, arts and culture; education; the environment; family, youth, and elderly; health and human services; medical research; and community development. Grants are made to organizations within West Bend’s core geographic operating territory that includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota.