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WEST BEND, Wis. (March 1, 2019) – 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 2019 Spirit of the Silver Lining Award are

- David Karp of Anderson Insurance in Valparaiso, Indiana and Valparaiso Family YMCA
- Scott Reeder of Feighner Insurance Inc. in Marion, Indiana and the Boys & Girls Club of Grant County
- Doreen Janssen of Ansay & Associates in Appleton, Wisconsin and Freedom Food Pantry
- John “Mack” Borges of Robertson Ryan & Associates in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Penfield Children’s Center
- Gordie Billmark of Billmark’s Lakes Area Insurance in Alexandria, Minnesota and We Got Your Back USA
- Dan Riley of the Minnesota Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers in Maple Grove, Minnesota and Make-A-Wish® Minnesota
- Ben Rathburn of The Rathburn Agency in Lansing, Michigan and Ele’s Place
- Mike Doyle and Shannon Heads of Doyle & Ogdon Insurance Advisors in Grand Rapids, Michigan and the Del J. and Jean B. Doyle Family Foundation
- Adam Jackson of Ron Jackson Insurance in Kalamazoo, Michigan and Open Doors Kalamazoo
- Jeffrey J. Beto of CoyleKiley Insurance Agency in Rockford, Illinois and Carpenter’s Place
- Carolyn Hanna of Corkill Insurance Agency in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, and Lazarus House
- Matt Evans of TrueNorth Companies in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Young Parents Network
- Mike Johnson of Calvert & Johnson Insurance Services in Fort Dodge, Iowa and Fort Dodge Noon Sertoma

“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 \$1.4 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.