

GMG Insurance Lends a Hand to YMCA of Bucks County with \$6500 Donation
Westfield's Legacy of Caring donation helps all five YMCA branches recover from the pandemic

Newtown, PA (July 26, 2021) – The YMCA of Bucks County was nominated by GMG Insurance Agency to receive a \$6500 donation to help Operation Compassion Recovery as part of Westfield's Legacy of Caring program. Each year, Westfield independent insurance agents, like GMG Insurance Agency 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 Ron Viehweger, Principal of GMG Insurance.

"We are so grateful for the generous support of YMCA of Bucks County," said Zane Moore, President/CEO of YMCA of Bucks County. "The Legacy of Caring grant will have a direct impact on Operation Compassion Recovery, created as a response to the significant community need to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will help us provide support and hope to families in our community who are experiencing hardship, food insecurity, physical and mental health issues, and other challenges that threaten their health and well-being."

The Westfield Insurance Foundation will donate more than \$600,000 dollars to neighborhoods across the country. GMG Insurance Agency is one of nearly 100 agencies that nominated a nonprofit, including YMCA of Bucks 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."

Established in 1937 in Bucks County, PA, GMG Insurance Agency is a full-service independent insurance agency offering Employee Benefits, Commercial Property & Casualty, and Personal Lines Property & Casualty products. Helmed by principals Chuck Thomas and Ron Viehweger, GMG represents more than 40 carriers with licenses to sell nationwide. The agency's West Coast office is located in Laguna Beach, CA. For more information, visit www.gmgins.com.

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

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