Insurance Industry to Gather in Awarding over $400,000 to Local Nonprofits at Horizon Award Gala in Los Angeles

IICF’s Western Division to host “A Night at the Museum” Charitable Gala at the Natural History Museum

Los Angeles, Calif. (January 30, 2017) – Hundreds of insurance professionals and representatives from local nonprofits will convene on Thursday, March 16 for the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation’s (IICF) annual Horizon Award Gala. Held at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, the IICF Western Division will announce more than $400,000 in grants to 44 charitable organizations during this “A Night at the Museum” themed event.

Each year during the gala, IICF honors an individual or organization within the insurance community with its Golden Horizon Award. This year IICF will honor Mark Wells, Editor, CEO and Publisher of Wells Media, home to Insurance Journal, Claims Journal, MyNewMarkets, Insurance Journal’s Academy of Insurance, and Carrier Management, in recognition of his industry leadership and philanthropic commitment. Under Mr. Wells’ leadership, Wells Media has been an ardent supporter of IICF and has served as a platform to highlight industry-wide philanthropic contributions in helping communities and enriching lives.

This year’s Horizon Award Gala will also recognize 44 nonprofit organizations that champion the causes of education, child abuse prevention, disaster preparedness, and health and human services. As one of the Western Division’s Community Grant Award recipients and this year’s featured nonprofit, Make-A-Wish® Greater Los Angeles will be in attendance at the gala, where attendees will hear the personal story of a “Wish Kid” whose wish was made possible by contributions like the IICF community grant. A portion of the funds raised during the evening’s festivities will also go toward granting additional wishes.

“In its thirteen years, the Horizon Award Gala has brought together insurance professionals in celebrating the philanthropic commitment of our industry to the communities and nonprofit organizations that we support throughout the West,” said Jon Axel, IICF Western Division Board of Directors Chairman and Senior Vice President, Hub International Insurance Services. “It is our privilege to be honoring Mr. Wells with our Horizon Award this year, in recognition and appreciation for his dedication to this industry and its aim of giving back and making a real difference in the communities where we live and work.”

Through its Community Grants Program, IICF raises funds within a region and reinvests back into the same region and its communities. The full list of this year’s grantees includes nonprofits across IICF’s Western Division that are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities, focused in the areas of education, child abuse prevention, disaster preparedness, and health and human services.

IICF would also like to extend our appreciation to the following sponsors for helping to make this event possible:

• Platinum Sponsors: CNA, Chubb and Confie
• Gold Sponsors: Liberty Mutual, Michelman & Robinson, LLP, Navigators, Surplus Lines Association of California, The Liberty Company, TOPA Insurance and Venbrook

For additional information on the Horizon Award Gala, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Melissa-Anne Duncan of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation at (714) 870-1084 or maduncan@iicf.com.
About the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation

The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) is a unique nonprofit that unites the collective strengths of the insurance industry to help communities and enrich lives through grants, volunteer service and leadership. Established in 1994, IICF has contributed $25.3 million in community grants, along with more than 240,500 volunteer hours, to hundreds of charities and nonprofit organizations, reinvesting in local communities where funds are raised. IICF is a registered nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Learn more at www.iicf.org.

Contact:
Melissa-Anne Duncan
maduncan@iicf.com
(714) 870-1084
www.iicf.org