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PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc. awarded \$5,000 grant from Northwestern Mutual on behalf of local supporter

Gift part of Days of Sharing program, which awards dollars on behalf of employees

MILWAUKEE - (November 26, 2009) - PEARLS for Teen Girls Inc., located in Milwaukee, was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation on behalf of Lawanda Holt, a Northwestern Mutual employee and supporter of PEARLS.

The grant is part of the company's *Days of Sharing* program, which presents grants on behalf of nominating employees each day during the month of November.

Lawanda Holt works as a life underwriter specialist in the new business department at Northwestern Mutual.

The Northwestern Mutual *Days of Sharing* is a four-week program that encourages employees to nominate a local non-profit organization to receive grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each day. Total giving for this year's program could reach \$130,000. Employee-nominated organizations are randomly selected from a database each weekday during November.

The program was introduced in 2007 as a charitable component of Northwestern Mutual's 150th anniversary celebration. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$250,000 to Milwaukee-area nonprofit organizations on behalf of employees.

About PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc.

PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc. is a dynamic and innovative non-profit leadership development organization serving at-risk, primarily African American and Latina girls, ages 10 to 19 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. PEARLS helps girls achieve in school, avoid teen pregnancy, and use their personal power to achieve their goals and dreams. In 2008 PEARLS served 688 girls citywide and the organization believes that every girl is precious with unique gifts and strengths.

About the Northwestern Mutual Foundation

The mission of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation is to build strong, vibrant communities that serve as a legacy to future generations. In its home state of Wisconsin, the Foundation supports programs through two focus areas: *Securing Future Generations* and *Developing our Economy*. Throughout the rest of the United States, the Foundation's giving is designed to create an impact in communities where Northwestern Mutual financial representatives live and work. In 2008, the Foundation contributed more than \$15 million to nonprofit organizations nationwide. For more information, visit www.northwesternmutual.com.

About Northwestern Mutual

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company - Milwaukee, WI (Northwestern Mutual) has helped clients achieve financial security for more than 150 years. As a mutual company with over \$1 trillion of life insurance protection in force, Northwestern Mutual seeks to share its gains with policyowners and deliver consistent and dependable value to clients over time.

Northwestern Mutual is an industry leader in total individual life insurance and disability insurance dividends paid to participating policyowners. Though dividends are not guaranteed, are reviewed annually and are subject to change, the company has paid life insurance dividends every year since 1872.

Northwestern Mutual and its subsidiaries offer a holistic approach to financial security solutions including: life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability insurance, annuities, investment products, and advisory products and services. Subsidiaries include Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, LLC, broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, member FINRA and SIPC; the Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company, limited purpose federal savings bank; and Northwestern Long Term Care Insurance Company; and Russell Investments. Further information can be found at <http://www.northwesternmutual.com>.

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