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Wells Fargo volunteers' efforts earn \$60,000 for Iowa nonprofits

DES MOINES, Sept. 9, 2015 – Twenty-seven nonprofit organizations throughout Iowa will receive a total of \$60,000 in grants from Wells Fargo, thanks to the Volunteer Service Award program that recognizes team members who make an exceptional impact through volunteerism.

Throughout the U.S. and internationally, 224 Wells Fargo team members received 2015 Volunteer Service Awards, and Wells Fargo recognized them by donating \$528,000 to the nonprofits they serve. The 27 Iowa team members earning awards and the \$60,000 in grants represented the most awards given and the highest dollar amount in any state other than California, which had 36 winners and \$80,000 in grants.

“I’m proud to see such a large number of winners from Iowa and the significant dollar amount Wells Fargo is contributing to nonprofits that are doing great work throughout the state,” said Don Pearson, region president for Wells Fargo in Iowa. “This is yet another example of how committed our team members are to generously giving of their time, talents and treasures to the communities in which they live and work. The Volunteer Service Awards are just one of the many ways Wells Fargo supports and recognizes our team members and their extraordinary volunteer efforts.”

The Volunteer Service Award program, which is in its 37th year, is one of several [Wells Fargo Volunteer](#) programs. Team members are encouraged to nominate their co-workers or themselves for a Volunteer Service Award. A committee of fellow team members chooses the winners based on the nominee’s dedication to the nonprofit, time volunteered, effectiveness of their work, and the potential impact of the

award on the community the nonprofit serves. The nonprofits receive grants from Wells Fargo ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

One team member in Iowa earned a \$10,000 grant for his nonprofit, and six others received \$5,000 grants. The remaining 20 team members received \$1,000 grants for their nonprofits.

The larger grants for Iowa team members and the organizations for which they volunteer:

- Alexander Samaniego, Consumer Lending in Des Moines, earned a \$10,000 grant for Al Éxito. Al Éxito helps prepare middle-school Latinas/Latinos for post-high school education and the potential for economic security, civic engagement and a stable family life. Samaniego mentors youth in the program, serves on the board of directors and helped create a program to help parents and students in Al Éxito prepare financially for college.
- Danielle Abbott, Consumer Lending in Des Moines, earned a \$5,000 grant for Blank Children's Hospital, which is dedicated to meeting the unique health care needs of children. Abbott, who had three children who received medical care at Blank in previous years, volunteered by helping build a strategic framework for Blank's executive team and also serves as a parent advisor.
- Heath Hinkhouse, Technology Operations Group in Urbandale, earned a \$5,000 grant for Urbandale Community Action Network, which offers a diverse set of resources to residents in the community. Hinkhouse launched a program called uFit with programing and community partnerships to promote healthy eating, an active lifestyle and a positive outlook.
- Julie McCain, Legal in Des Moines, earned a \$5,000 grant for A Heinz 57, which bridges the gap between traditional animal shelters and no-kill rescue shelters by providing free transportation for dogs from traditional shelters to no-kill shelters across the Midwest and Canada. McCain has served in a variety of fundraising and managerial volunteer roles for the organization.
- Philip Nash, Community Banking in Waterloo, earned a \$5,000 grant for The Boys and Girls Club of the Cedar Valley, which inspires young people to reach their full potential as responsible, caring and productive citizens. Nash has volunteered for the organization in several capacities since 2012, and he currently serves on the board of directors.
- Amy Oliver-Peters, Consumer Lending in Des Moines, earned a \$5,000 grant for Iowa Homeless Youth Centers, which works to eliminate homelessness among children, youth, and young

mothers in Polk County. Oliver-Peters has volunteered with the organization for 13 years in multiple capacities, including helping to organize the annual Reggie's Sleepout fundraising event.

- Kelly Renfrow, Consumer Lending in Des Moines, earned a \$5,000 grant for the Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community, which offers a food pantry, clothes closet, mentoring and other services to help those in need. Renfrow has served the organization in multiple capacities for five years, including as the board president in 2014.

Volunteerism is a strong component of Wells Fargo's culture. More than 38,000 team members belong to one of 115 Wells Fargo Volunteer Chapters. These community-based chapters organize local volunteer activities for Wells Fargo team members. In 2014, 64,350 team members volunteered 1.74 million hours with nonprofits and Wells Fargo donated \$281.2 million to 17,100 nonprofits.

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