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**MJ Insurance Nominates ICAN to receive \$8,000 grant from Westfield Insurance Foundation**

*Westfield Legacy of Caring Program Lends a Hand to Chandler, Ariz. Community*

**PHOENIX – (Sept. 25, 2019)** – MJ Insurance, one of the nation's largest privately-held insurance agencies with more than five decades of success, has nominated the Chandler, Ariz. nonprofit ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth to receive a grant from the Westfield Insurance Foundation. The \$8,000 grant that ICAN received is part of the Westfield Legacy of Caring program and will support the organization to continue its mission of providing free, comprehensive programs that empower youth to be productive, self-confident, and responsible members of the community.

Westfield Insurance Foundation goes beyond administering insurance policies to help people and families grow and prosper. Lending a hand to friends and neighbors during times of need is at the core of the Foundation. Each year, Westfield independent insurance agents, like MJ Insurance, are invited to nominate a local nonprofit for the Legacy of Caring program. The program invests in communities and helps impact disaster recovery, family stability or safety.

“We want every member of our community to grow and experience a vibrant future,” says Michael H. Bill, chief executive officer at MJ Insurance. “All of us at MJ Insurance

are proud to collaborate with partners like Westfield Insurance who allow us to honor our commitment to inspire the success, fulfillment, and wellbeing of each person we serve."

"ICAN is truly a community-supported organization, and we are so grateful for the generous support of both MJ Insurance and Westfield," said Cassie Patris-Browne, chief philanthropy officer at ICAN. "The Legacy of Caring grant will have a direct impact on keeping ICAN's quality prevention-based programs free-of-charge for all participants."

This year, the Westfield Insurance Foundation donated more than half million dollars to neighborhoods in 15 states. MJ Insurance is one of 76 agencies that nominated a nonprofit, including ICAN, for the Westfield Legacy of Caring grant program. Awarding grants through the program is an extension of the fundamental role that insurance plays every day in stabilizing families, businesses and communities in times of uncertainty. Westfield is proud to work with its independent agents in distributing \$2 million in the last five years, Patris-Browne said.

"Together with our agency partners, Westfield continues to build on the strong commitment to caring that the founders of our company imagined," said Ed Largent, Westfield President, CEO, Board Chair and Westfield Insurance Foundation Chairman. "At Westfield, we want to give our communities everything we can: protection, safety and support, and our commitment will continue on from there."

## **ABOUT MJ INSURANCE**

Indianapolis-based MJ Insurance exists to inspire the success, fulfillment and wellbeing of each person it serves: associates and their families, business partners, clients and the community. MJ Insurance is a leading risk management, benefits consulting and personal insurance agency specializing in various commercial sectors: construction, manufacturing, sororities, mining/energy, farm to fork, transportation, recycling as well as a complete suite of comprehensive employee benefit programs and services. Fifty years after its founding, MJ Insurance continues to expand through growth, service and leadership. Additional information may be found at [www.mjinsurance.com](http://www.mjinsurance.com).

## **ABOUT ICAN**

ICAN is a free youth center in the East Valley that offers programming for youth, teens, families and the community. ICAN's nationally-recognized prevention programming teaches disadvantaged youth real-life skills including goal setting, positive decision making and how to avoid the risky behaviors that are prevalent in the community ICAN serves. ICAN is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation and was recently named "Outstanding Afterschool Program" by the Arizona Center for After School. For more information about ICAN, visit [www.icanaz.org](http://www.icanaz.org).

## **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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