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IWIF and employees donate more than \$78,000 to Maryland Charity Campaign

(TOWSON, Md.)—Employees at IWIF Workers' Compensation Insurance donated more than \$39,000 to the Maryland Charity Campaign, the state-sponsored fundraising initiative for local and national charities. IWIF matched employees' donations bringing the total contribution to \$78,387.



IWIF President and CEO Thomas J. Phelan, CPA, presented the check to the representatives from the campaign.

“I am proud of the work IWIF employees do, both in the marketplace and the community,” says Phelan. “Through volunteerism, monetary donations,

collections and grants, our involvement with the community allows us to give back to those who make it possible for us to be here in the first place.”

To encourage employee involvement in community volunteerism or charitable donations, IWIF supports their efforts by providing nominal paid time off to volunteer and matching donations.

Other acts of giving in 2009

IWIF's Charitable Contributions Committee, comprised of employees who volunteer their time to plan fundraisers, donations and award grant money, reported co-workers turned out in record numbers in 2009 to raise money for and participate in a variety of charitable events and organizations.

While IWIF supports many charities, four organizations in particular receive year-long support from employees. They include:

- Kids' Chance of Maryland, a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to children of Maryland's seriously or fatally injured workers.
- Franciscan Center, a Baltimore-based emergency outreach center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, an organization that matches qualified volunteers with children to create mentoring relationships
- Maryland Charity Campaign, the Maryland-sponsored fundraising initiative for local and national charities.

The company's committee also awards grant money and matching funds to non-profit organizations throughout the State with a 501(c) (3) status that support children's health and education, safety in the workplace and home, and those that provide relief for medical, environmental or natural disasters.

IWIF is the largest provider of workers' compensation insurance in Maryland and is a fully self-supporting insurance company that operates solely from premium and investment income. Located in Towson, the company employs more than 350 workers.

PHOTO CAPTION: Pictured left to right: Carolyn Gutermuth, IWIF Community Relations Manager; Joe Bach, DBED, loaned MCC officer; Tom Phelan, IWIF President and CEO; Donna Talbert, United Way of Central Maryland ; and Donna Wilson, IWIF Sr. Vice President of Strategic Planning and Communications.

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