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**MILWAUKEE ACHIEVER LITERACY SERVICES RECEIVES \$1,000 GIFT FROM
DAYS OF SHARING PROGRAM**

Northwestern Mutual program awards gifts to employee-nominated organizations

MILWAUKEE - November 4, 2008 - Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, located in Milwaukee, received a \$1,000 grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation on behalf of Adam Fornal, a Northwestern Mutual employee and active supporter of Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services. The gift is part of the company's second annual community giving program, *Days of Sharing*, which encourages all employees to nominate local nonprofits for grants.

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services has played an active role in the community since 1983, inspiring and empowering adult learners and helping them gain the skills necessary to enrich their lives through education and training in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance.

The grant on behalf of Adam Fornal is part of Northwestern Mutual's *Days of Sharing*, a six-week program that encourages employees to nominate a school or non-profit organization to receive grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Organizations are added to a database from which winners are randomly selected each business day from October 27 - December 5.

"To continue in the company's role of giving back to the community, Northwestern Mutual is bringing back the well-received *Days of Sharing* program," said Gil Llanas, director of community relations for the Northwestern Mutual Foundation. "Our employees are very active in their communities, and this program gives them the chance to support causes that they feel particularly strongly about that may fall outside of the Foundation's planned giving."

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In 2007, the *Days of Sharing* program was introduced as a charitable component of Northwestern Mutual's 150th anniversary, and \$150,000 was awarded to Milwaukee-area nonprofit organizations on behalf of company employees.

About Northwestern Mutual

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, WI (Northwestern Mutual) has been helping policy owners and clients achieve financial security for more than 150 years. The company is an industry leader, with over \$1 trillion of life insurance protection in force, maintains the highest available ratings for insurance financial strength from all four major rating agencies: Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings, A. M. Best and Moody's.

For 25 years, a FORTUNE magazine survey has named Northwestern Mutual "America's Most Admired" company in the life/health insurance industry. Further information on Northwestern Mutual, its subsidiaries and affiliates can be found at www.nmfn.com.

About the Northwestern Mutual Foundation

The Northwestern Mutual Foundation has honored its mission – inspiring human potential through lifelong learning and community commitment – by granting support in three focus areas: Education, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture. The Foundation gives more money to support and develop the community than any other corporation in the state of Wisconsin, totaling more than \$19 million in 2008.

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