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Chesapeake Employers Celebrates 100th Anniversary with \$115,000 for Maryland Nonprofits

Announces recipients of competitive grants for workforce development

(TOWSON, Md.) — To mark its 100th anniversary, Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company committed to providing \$115,000 to Maryland nonprofits. Today, the company announced the recipients of its Bridge to the Future grant program to aid Maryland nonprofits that support workforce development for unemployed or underemployed Marylanders.



Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company recently awarded 23 first-place grants totaling \$115,000 to nonprofit, human service organizations across Maryland that help develop the employability of the clients served by

the nonprofits. Each grant recipient received \$5,000. The company announced the formation of the Bridge to the Future grant program in May 2014 and committed to awarding \$100,000 in grants. However, the company awarded more money than it originally pledged due to the number of qualified applications.

“When we launched the Bridge to the Future grant program, we were expecting to award \$100,000 in grants,” explained Tom Phelan, President and CEO of Chesapeake Employers. “As the applications for well-qualified nonprofits poured in, we recognized the great need across the state and the important work of the first-place recipients to prepare deserving persons for meaningful employment.”

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The 23 recipients of \$5,000 grants are:

Arc of Baltimore, Baltimore City
Arc of Carroll County, Carroll County
Baltimore Outreach Service, Inc., Baltimore City
Caroline Center, Baltimore City
Catholic Charities, Baltimore City
Central Scholarship, Baltimore City
Civic Works (Baltimore Center for Green Careers), Baltimore City
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Baltimore City
Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc., Baltimore City
Greater Homewood Community Group, Baltimore City
Human Services Programs – Opportunity Works, Carroll County
Kent County Learning Center, Kent County
Living Classrooms, Baltimore City
Maryland Food Bank, statewide
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Baltimore City
Moveable Feast, Baltimore City
Red Wiggler Community Farm, Montgomery County
Samaritan Women, Baltimore City
Susquehanna Workforce Network, Baltimore City & Eastern Shore
Training Source, Prince George's County
Walden, St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties
Y of Central Maryland, Baltimore City
Youth as Resources, Baltimore City

Additional grants totaling \$24,000 will be awarded to 45 runner-ups of the Bridge to the Future grant program. Each runner-up will receive a grant in the amount of \$300 to \$1,000.

“There are so many deserving nonprofits in Maryland that we just couldn’t turn any of them away empty handed,” said Mr. Phelan. “We made more money available to the grant program so the runner-ups received grants to help them fulfill their missions, too.”

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The grants were awarded to support a range of efforts such as fundraising, strategic planning, staff development, volunteer recruitment and management, outcome tracking, and analysis of program effectiveness. Registered 501(c)(3) human service organizations headquartered or operating in Maryland were eligible to apply. Grants had to be matched one-to-one.

Chesapeake Employers is Maryland's largest provider of workers' compensation insurance. It is a nonprofit, non-stock, private corporation. The company employs 400 insurance professionals, works with more than 1,400 independent insurance agents, and has been assigned a financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Co. Chesapeake Employers has served as a continuous source for fairly priced workers' compensation insurance since 1914.

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