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Outstanding Community Service Honored

Heartland Humanitarian, Corporate Citizen and Advisor of the Year Celebrated

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, Mo. (May 27, 2014) – Each year the Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) recognizes individuals and companies who have had a significant impact on Eastern Jackson County; making the community a better place to live and serve. The Community Foundation is pleased to present this year’s Heartland Humanitarian, Corporate Citizen and Professional Advisor of the year. The honorees will be recognized at the Community Foundation’s 19th annual **Toast to our Towns Gala** presented by Stewardship Capital on Saturday, September 6, 2014.



Norman E. Swails, Heartland Humanitarian of the Year

THCF is pleased to announce that Norman E. Swails is the 2014 Heartland Humanitarian of the Year. Mr. Swails’ leadership and involvement in philanthropy in Eastern Jackson County has resulted in successful expansion efforts of many community organizations including Hope House, Sunshine Center, Community Services League and The Truman Presidential Museum and Library. While serving as the Presiding Bishop of the Community of Christ Church, he led the fundraising efforts for the new Temple and was instrumental in merger of the

Independence Regional Health Center Foundation with the Independence Community Foundation resulting in the formation of Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

Norm spends much of his retirement time in volunteer service projects. He has been Chair of the Board of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, the Independence Chamber of Commerce, President of the Midtown Truman Road Redevelopment Corporation and a Trustee of Park University and Graceland University. Currently, he is president of the Legacy Foundation. Other past and present affiliations include Rotary International, Jackson County Historical Society, Independence Council for Economic Development, and several corporate directorships.

For Norman E. Swails’ full philanthropic history visit www.thcf.org.



Corporate Copy Print, Heartland Corporate Citizen of the Year

In 2014 Corporate Copy Print celebrates its 20 year anniversary. Part of the company culture has always included partnering with charitable organizations who served others. From the very beginning of Tom and Susan Water's years of owning and operating their business they have been committed to giving back to their community. Over the Company's 20-year history the Waters have donated thousands of dollars of in-kind printing to countless nonprofit groups across Eastern Jackson County including: Community Services League, Independence Square Association, Salvation Army, Rotary Club, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Independence Arts and Film Festival, and Independence Chamber of Commerce as well as countless scout, school and church groups.

In addition to the Company's corporate support of the community the Waters are both actively involved as volunteers in the area.

For Corporate Copy Print's full philanthropic bio visit www.thcf.org.



Doug Hammer, Paul M. Thomson Advisor of the year

The positive impact of Doug Hammer's deep commitment to our community and area philanthropy can be seen throughout Eastern Jackson County. His dedication to helping area residents meet their financial and charitable goals has made him a leader in the financial industry. In addition to serving his clients, he is known in the community as a dedicated volunteer and supporter of charitable causes.

Mr. Hammer has served on numerous boards and has helped with dozens of community-service projects. Among many other volunteer commitments, he is a past president of the Rotary Club of Independence and past chairman of the Independence Tourism Advisory Board. He is a past board member of the Independence Regional Health Center/Centerpoint and served three terms on the Truman Heartland Community Foundation board. During his 8-year board commitment with THCF he helped the Foundation develop their financial advisor partnership program which makes charitable giving beneficial for both financial advisors and their clients.

For Doug Hammer's full philanthropic bio visit www.thcf.org.

Citizens of the Year, chosen by our area mayors will also be honored at Toast to Our Towns and will be announced later this summer.

The 2014 Toast to Our Towns Gala is presented by **Stewardship Capital** with additional support from **Centerpoint Medical Center**, **Data Systems International (DSI)**, **Edward Jones**, and **Silverstein Eye Centers**. A private reception sponsored by **Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics** for the Citizens of the Year will be held on August 23, 2014.

About THCF

Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a public charity committed to improving area communities by promoting and serving private giving for the public good.” Founded in 1982, THCF serves the region with assets reaching \$33 million and annual grants surpassing \$3.5 million. THCF serves individuals who, through their private giving, wish to support the public good and help them do it in the most tax-wise and effective manner. Through the Community Foundation, donors can set up their own family foundations, scholarship funds, field of interest funds, endowment funds, charitable gift annuities and many other charitable vehicles which utilize shared resources of the foundation to maximize the impact of their philanthropic dollars. In addition to donor services, the Community Foundation provides asset development for nonprofit organizations, are grant makers, assist organizations in planned giving and serve as a community leader in addressing community issues. For more information on charitable giving, visit www.thcf.org or call THCF at 816.836.8189.

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