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Reaching out to the community!

**Combined Insurance and *The Telegraph* announce
the Make it Happen award recipients**

CHICAGO – (December 7) Combined Insurance Company of America, a unit of Aon Corporation (NYSE: AOC), and *The Telegraph* announced 10 community organizations would receive up to \$1500 each through the Make it Happen program, which supports non-profit organizations and individuals, that are making a difference at local level.

“The Make it Happen program is our opportunity to support organizations and individuals that make a difference in the River Bend community,” said Rebecca Mills, vice president and managing director of Research and Development/Corporate Communications at Combined Insurance. “We were very pleased to co-sponsor the program with *The Telegraph*, which provided critical support in making this program a success.”

Close to 70 organizations submitted applications during the month-long submission period that ended November 4. Local community-based non-profits, organizations, and individuals applied for up to \$1,500 through the Make it Happen program to fund ongoing programs, close a shortfall, or expand their services. “These are all worthwhile organizations and it was very difficult for us to narrow the list of recipients,” said Pamela Birch, corporate communications manager. Combined Insurance and *The Telegraph* welcomed entries from organizations and individuals that perform community services, sponsor programs, or events that benefit the residents of Madison, Jersey, Macoupin, Greene, and Calhoun counties in Illinois.

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The award recipients are:

Alton Little Theatre will receive \$300 to cover the 5 percent increase in costs to repair the theatre's roof.

Alton Volunteer Emergency Corps is receiving \$1000 to replace its 30-year old furnace, which is eating into the corps' limited funds.

Alton Youth Symphony is receiving \$1000 to purchase music stands and a keyboard amplifier.

C.A.S.A. (Community Against Substance Abuse) will use the \$650-grant to send five at-risk students to Camp Success, a unique weekend program that combines fun and learning in a positive setting.

Cherry Street Baptist Church will receive \$550 to purchase food for its weekly "Soup's On" luncheon and to stock its pantry.

Community Hope Center, Inc. will receive \$1500 to pay for prescriptions for those coming to the free clinic who cannot afford to purchase medicine.

Crisis Food Center, Inc. will receive \$1500 to provide approximately 50 needy families with a turkey or ham dinner with all the trimmings for Christmas.

Dreamweavers M.C., Inc. will receive \$1000 for the Shop with a Cop program to take needy children shopping during the Christmas season.

Operation Blessing, "People That Care," Inc. is receiving \$1500 to stock its food pantry.

The William M. Bedell Achievement and Resource Center (ARC) will use its \$1000 award to purchase a hydraulic lift to transfer non-ambulatory, developmentally disabled individuals attending the Developmental Training Program, a non-residential day program that provides adult developmental training.

The award winners have been invited to attend a special ceremony at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7 at the Lewis and Clark Community College to recognize their work in the River Bend community and receive their award checks.



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