In Their Own Words

“SALT Development’s Kits for Kids program was held at the Middleburgh Elementary School last month to provide emergency preparedness education and kits to students. The goal of the program is to empower and educate children so they are equipped with the tools needed to be and stay resilient in the face of future emergencies. The school’s liaison to SALT stated, ‘This was one of the best activities we have done with the children, many of whom experienced the floods of 2011.’

SALT (Schoharie Area Long Term Development) thanks the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation for making this year’s Kits for Kids program possible through the grant awarded to SALT, and Sterling Insurance Company of Cobleskill, NY for sponsoring our grant application.” - Sarah Goodrich, Executive Director, SALT Development

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Nearly 600 Attend 3rd IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference in NYC to Explore “The Power of Diverse Thought and Innovation”

The IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference welcomed to New York nearly 600 insurance professionals from around the world, as far as China and Australia, for a three-day program of inspiring speakers, dynamic panel discussions and opportunities for networking with colleagues, June 7-9 at the Sheraton NY Times Square. Leading voices in the industry, academics and public policy explored issues of diversity and inclusion, the global impact of innovation, unconscious bias, and the importance of a fully inclusive...
One central take-away from the conference that resonated across many of the presentations was the assertion that there have been plenty of diversity studies completed, an abundance of data compiled and analyzed, and that now is the time for industry leaders to implement and advocate for diversity and inclusion action plans.

Along with the imperative for inclusion, speakers such as Victoria Budson, Founder and Executive Director of the Women in Public Policy Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, emphasized the importance of identifying the business case for diversity and gender equality. Other senior leaders underscored the need for innovation and how radically Insuretech will alter the industry. This was illuminated by a panel of innovators including Jill Beggs (Munich Re), Barbara Bufkin (Insuretech leader/IICF Board of Governors), Russina Sgoureva (Farmers) and Sarah Street (XL Catlin).

To read more about the thought-provoking anecdotes and presentations that offered strategies for innovating, fostering diversity and creating inclusive work environments - and to read about IICF’s 2017 Inclusion Champion Award Winners - please visit our News/Media Center.

Proceeds of the Women in Insurance Global Conference help fund IICF’s Early Literacy Initiative and its charitable endeavors. Learn more about the Early Literacy Initiative below.

IICF extends our sincerest thanks to the Premier Presenting Sponsors and All Sponsors for their generous support, to the committee planning members who gave of their time and talent, and to all those who attended the 2017 Women in Insurance Global Conference. A special note of thanks to all who participated in our diversity and innovation dialogues on the conference app and on social media! #IICFdiversity

IICF Continues Diversity and Innovation Conversation at Upcoming Women in Insurance Events
More than 4,200 have attended the IICF Women’s Conferences since 2013, making this the largest, most successful diversity initiative in the insurance industry. We’ll continue these important industry discussions on a regional basis, expounding on the themes of diversity, inclusion and innovation in the insurance industry, with one-day Regional Forums in Chicago, Dallas, London, Los Angeles and New York in June 2018. IICF will also be hosting a Women in Insurance luncheon in Los Angeles on August 24, 2017.

Los Angeles Luncheon, August 24, 2017 > register today

2018 Regional Forums > contact information for upcoming Women in Insurance events

IICF Advancing its Early Literacy Initiative, in Partnership with Sesame Workshop, with New Storybook and Multi-media Resources for Underserved Young Children

The vision of the IICF Early Literacy Initiative is to help provide every young child the opportunity to learn, read and write – regardless of economic means. Through the expansive network of our insurance industry supporters, and their desire to unite in collective service, we aim to improve early literacy for the most vulnerable young children ages 5 and under.

To accomplish this, IICF partnered with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind Sesame Street, beginning in 2013 to develop the "Every Day is a Reading and Writing Day" literacy program. As we continue with Phase II of our initiative, which encompasses a second, three-year and $750,000 grant to Sesame Workshop, we are focused on enhancing and expanding our free, research-based and bilingual literacy resources, and delivering to underserved communities.

This fall, beginning in October for the annual IICF Week of Giving, we will introduce a new Sesame-branded storybook featuring lovable Sesame Street characters. IICF, working with its board member companies, will distribute 100,000 free copies of this new storybook. Through our unique network of insurance professionals, we will reach underserved young readers through a variety of children’s organizations and charities. For some children, this may be the first book they can call their own.
Research shows that 1 out of every 3 preschoolers arrive at kindergarten without the necessary skills to begin a successful lifetime of learning. One of the key factors influencing a child’s early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at an early age. **This is where IICF and our volunteers can make an important impact!**

Along with volunteer support, you can be a part of our critical mission by becoming an IICF Literacy Champion. **With a donation of $10 you could begin to make a true difference in helping us close the literacy gap. If we all join in the effort, that is!** The compounding effect of $10 donations from IICF board members and supporters can quickly build into something impactful.

Please consider making a contribution to the IICF Early Literacy Initiative today – and encourage your insurance industry partners and associates to make a small donation as well. #IICFinspiresliteracy

**Contribute Here >** to become an IICF Literacy Champion

**Week of Giving 2017: October 14 - 21**
**Be a Part of Something Greater**

IICF Week of Giving empowers the insurance industry to take a leadership role in community service through **a dedicated week of volunteer projects** in each of IICF’s five regions. As the largest ongoing volunteer initiative in the insurance industry, IICF Week of Giving has been bringing together industry professionals for nearly twenty years, uniting colleagues, competitors and clients in giving back to their local communities.

Join with thousands of your industry colleagues for our most impactful week of the year. Learn more in our **Week of Giving Flyer**.

**Now is the perfect time to begin planning your team and volunteer projects!**
#IICFWeekofGiving
Northeast Division Annual Benefit Dinner: December 13
Important Funds to be Raised for Local Communities at Last Annual Dinner of 2017

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 13 for the IICF Northeast Division's 11th Annual Benefit Dinner**, at the Sheraton NY Times Square, as we celebrate the good works of the insurance industry and support local charities. This year, Ryan Specialty Group will be honored with Patrick G. Ryan accepting.

The annual benefit dinners in each of IICF’s five divisions raise critical funds that allow us to pursue our mission of helping communities and enriching lives, together, while supporting featured nonprofit and charitable organizations at each event.

IICF extends our sincerest appreciation to all benefit dinner attendees and supporters, and a special thanks to the IICF Key Partner Companies for their ongoing support of our annual dinners across divisions. Our charitable endeavors in so many local communities would not be possible without your support! #insurancegivesback

**Northeast Benefit Dinner, December 13, 2017 > register today**

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**The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation helps communities and enriches lives by combining the collective strengths of the industry to provide grants, volunteer service and leadership.**