In Their Own Words

“Every October Mi Escuelita welcomes the Week of Giving volunteers from IICF. It is wonderful to see how excited the children are to read and work with the volunteers on their projects! October is the month we celebrate "Bring a Book to Life" and with the help of IICF volunteers, we read the ‘Itsy Bitsy Spider’ book and then followed up by painting pumpkin spiders together. Then we read ‘Jack and the Bean Stalk’ and followed up by planting magic beans that the children will watch grow in our garden. This way we’re able to make reading experiences come to life for the children. The children and the volunteers had a great time, with lots of fun and learning, and we look forward to IICF returning next Fall.”

- Roxanne Pittman, Community Outreach Coordinator - Give Wings, Dallas, Texas

Results are in: Another Record-Setting IICF Week of Giving!

Through the incredible dedication and commitment of Week of Giving volunteers and companies, nearly 29,000 hours of volunteer service were completed in support of hundreds of nonprofits and charities throughout the United States and United Kingdom.
Thank you, IICF volunteers!

With a 20% growth in the number of volunteers this year, Week of Giving projects were completed in almost 60 more cities in 2017, a 50% increase over last year! Our industry is at its best as we unite in service and show how #insurancegivesback!

To read more about 2017 Week of Giving, please click here for our press release. Remember to mark your calendar for next October for Week of Giving 2018!

Barbara Bufkin, Assurant Executive, Named IICF Board of Governors Chair for 2018 through 2019

Barbara Bufkin, Executive Head of Business Development, Commercial Lines at Assurant, and a longtime supporter of IICF, was named this week as the incoming Board of Governors Chair. Barbara has been a vital contributor to the Foundation for years in a range of areas, including the launch of our Southeast Division and leading key committees related to the successful IICF Women in Insurance Conference Series.

“We are honored to welcome Barbara as our incoming Board of Governors Chair,” said Bill Ross, CEO of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation. “The IICF has benefited tremendously from Barbara's global career experience, and with her strategic vision and tireless focus on the industry, mentoring young professionals and community and philanthropic service, we're excited about the opportunities her leadership will bring to the Foundation.”

Barbara follows John Vasturia, President, Specialty Markets of Munich Reinsurance America, as the IICF Board of Governors Chair. “We extend our sincerest thanks to John for
his dedicated leadership and guidance over the past two years, a time when the Foundation has seen impressive growth in its supporters, new Chapters, volunteerism and grant funding,” said Bill Ross. “We are greatly appreciative of John’s past service and look forward to his continuing contributions to IICF as a member of our Board of Governors.”

Having joined Assurant earlier this year, Barbara's career in insurance and reinsurance has spanned executive leadership roles on a global platform, encompassing both operational and strategic responsibilities, including underwriting, claims, risk management/corporate governance, reinsurance, and business and product development. With four decades in the insurance industry, Barbara brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her new role in IICF leadership, along with a career-long commitment to fostering innovation, mentorship and diverse talent.

Please join us in congratulating Barbara on her new role and thanking John for his service.

**IICF Supporters Continue to Raise Relief Funds for those Affected by California Wildfires**

Through the generous contributions of insurance industry professionals and companies, more than $82,000 has been raised to assist those recovering from the devasting wildfires - one of the worst natural disasters in California history. 100% of contributions to the IICF California Wildfire Relief Fund will benefit relief efforts through local nonprofits, including the Redwood Empire Food Bank, Napa Valley Community Foundation and La Luz, providing direct assistance to individuals and families recovering and rebuilding in Northern California communities.
If you would like to contribute to the IICF California Wildfire Relief Fund, please donate here.

We thank all the generous donors to the IICF California Wildfire Relief Fund, as well as all those who contributed nearly $500,000 to the IICF Hurricane Disaster Relief Funds.

IICF Key Partner Companies and New Board of Governors Chair Honored at the 2017 Insurance Business America Awards

Last night, insurance industry professionals gathered in Chicago for the ‘Oscars of the Insurance Industry’ – the Insurance Business Awards. Three of IICF’s Key Partner Companies and major Foundation supporters, AIG, The Hartford and Zurich, were recognized for their industry leadership in areas championed as well by IICF. AIG won the KemperLesnik Award for Corporate Social Responsibility; The Hartford won the Insurance Business Award for Diversity & Inclusion; and Zurich was named winner of the Aon Benfield Award for Philanthropy & Community Service.

IICF’s newly appointed Board of Governors Chair, Barbara Bufkin, was also honored with the 2017 Tangram Insurance Services Award for Woman of Distinction at the Insurance Business America Awards.

On behalf of the industry and communities that we serve, our sincere congratulations!

As the 2017 Charity Partner of the awards event, select proceeds will directly benefit the IICF Early Literacy Initiative, which aims to help provide every young child the opportunity to learn, read and write – regardless of economic means. This is how #insurancegivesback!

The Holiday Shopping Season is Upon Us - Support IICF and your Community with your Purchases

Enjoy the convenience of online shopping by making purchases through AmazonSmile, and support IICF at the same time! Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase total to IICF each time you shop, which can add up to meaningful community funds!

Here is a refresher on how to sign up, shop AmazonSmile and support IICF:

Go to smile.amazon.com
Log on using your normal Amazon user ID and password
Enter "Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation" into the charity search box
Click the SEARCH button
Click the SELECT button next to the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation
Start shopping!

Each time you shop, remember to return to smile.amazon.com for your purchases to benefit IICF.

IICF Women in Insurance Regional Forums Return in 2018!
IICF will continue to lead important industry conversations on diversity and inclusion, at the intersection with innovation, with five regional, one-day events in 2018, held in London (March 7), New York (June 7), Chicago (June 14), Dallas (June 19) and Los Angeles (June 21).

Click here for contact information on upcoming Women in Insurance events and look for more details to follow soon.

Let's Get Social!

Want to keep up with the latest from IICF and hear from those benefiting by your support? Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn.

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