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The Health Plan Donates to Local Charities Through Tree Decorating Contest

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA – Last night, The Health Plan's (THP) lawn lit up with holiday cheer during the second annual Light Up Night at the corporate headquarters in downtown Wheeling. Ten teams made up of THP employees competed on behalf of local nonprofit organizations all hoping for the chance to win \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the charities they selected. With some help from Santa Claus, the Grinch, and Olaf, the three winners were announced.

The Pharmacy team's National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation tree took third place and won \$1,000 for WV CASA. In second place, the Provider Relations and Engagement team won \$2,000 for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network with their Nightmare Before Christmas themed tree. The ASO team, competing on behalf of the Augusta Levy Learning Center, won first place with their Gingerbread House themed tree for the grand prize of \$3,000.

"Everyone did such a wonderful job decorating that it was difficult to have just one winner," stated Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Carla Bell. "We were so impressed with the effort the teams put forth that the other teams will receive \$500 for their charity."

The nonprofits that will receive a \$500 donation are Catholic Charities, Ohio County Animal Shelter, The Ronald McDonald House, A Special Wish Foundation, the Wounded Warrior Project and the YWCA.

Some teams went an additional step further for their nonprofits. The Corporate Services, Compliance and Finance team raised over \$600 for A Special Wish Foundation. The Pharmacy Team raised \$300 for WV CASA, while the Sales team held a food drive for Catholic Charities and our Quality Management, Risk Adjustment, and Population Health Management's team collected donations for the Ohio County Animal Shelter.

In addition to a tree lighting ceremony, THP employees and their families enjoyed an evening of holiday fun that included pictures with Santa, Olaf and The Grinch, cupcakes and a Christmas movie screening.

The Health Plan (www.healthplan.org) is a clinically-driven, technology-enhanced, and customer-focused health maintenance organization that manages and improves the health and well-being of its members. Established in 1979, the West Virginia-based

company, with offices in Wheeling, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia and Massillon, Ohio has offered a complete line of managed care products and services designed to provide health care systems and clients with innovative health care benefits and plans at a reasonable cost across the mid-Atlantic region and nationally.

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