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## **Metrocrest Services Awarded \$5,000 from Jeff Van Matre Insurance Agency through Safeco Insurance® Make More Happen Awards**

*Social Services Provider Seeks to Increase Total Donation to \$10,000 through Social Media*

**CARROLLTON, Texas** (September 11, 2018) – Jeff Van Matre Insurance Agency has earned a 2018 Safeco Insurance® Make More Happen Award in recognition of its commitment to making positive change happen in the local community. The award includes a \$5,000 donation that will go directly to Metrocrest Services, a nonprofit social services organization dedicated to assisting families, individuals and senior adults who are coping with crisis situations, need help stabilizing their lives or who require support to live independently.

“My team and I have been involved with Metrocrest Services for two years and we are incredibly grateful to be awarded the Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award so we can give back even more,” said Angie Van Matre, an independent agent at Jeff Van Matre Insurance. “Metrocrest Services truly helps those in need become self-sufficient and these funds will continue to help change lives.”

Beginning on **Wednesday, Sept. 12**, Jeff Van Matre Insurance and Metrocrest Services will have their story featured on the official Safeco Insurance® Facebook page ([Facebook.com/SafecoInsurance](https://www.facebook.com/SafecoInsurance)) with a chance to raise an additional \$5,000. If the story receives at least 200 likes, comments or shares on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn, the total donation for the nonprofit will double to \$10,000.

“We are excited to share the inspiring stories of our agents with their communities through social media while raising funds for these outstanding nonprofit organizations,” said LeTasha Wheeler, Safeco Insurance Central Region Territory Manager. “Safeco’s Make More Happen Awards program helps to recognize the amazing work agents do in areas like north Texas and hopefully motivate others to do the same.”

Metrocrest provides a number of different resources ranging from food pantry access and rent aid to financial counseling, employment-related services and senior citizen supports like home-delivered meals, transportation and minor home repairs. By providing a vast variety of tools, Metrocrest is able to not only address immediate client needs, but also improve their wellbeing for the long-term.

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The \$10,000 donation would be used to support Metrocrest’s food pantry – their most-used service with over 200 families relying on the pantry for groceries every week. In addition, the donation would support the nonprofit’s home-delivered meals program which provides seniors with regular nutrition and wellness checks from caring members of the community.

Safeco’s Make More Happen Awards focus on nonprofits in the areas of health and safety, education and civil service. Jeff Van Matre Insurance Agency was selected for a Make More Happen Award based on a photo and application demonstrating its commitment to Metrocrest Services, which serves individuals living in Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch, Coppell and the city of Dallas in Denton County.

Throughout 2018, Safeco will select a total of 24 independent agents for awards and donate up to \$240,000 to the nonprofits they support. The Make More Happen Awards are a part of Safeco Insurance’s Agent Giving Program.

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#### **About Metrocrest Services**

Metrocrest Services is a public, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing programs for individuals, families and seniors that lead to self-sufficiency and foster independence. Metrocrest services include rent and utility bill aid; financial and budgeting assistance; food pantry access; employment counseling; minor home repairs; and home-delivered meals to benefit seniors. For more, go to <https://metrocrestservices.org>.

#### **About Jeff Van Matre Insurance Agency**

Based in Carrollton, Jeff Van Matre Insurance Agency is committed to finding the best coverage and rates for personal and commercial clients. Jeff Van Matre agents partner with reputable companies, proactively monitor renewals and provide clients with outstanding customer service. For more information, please visit <https://jvminsurace.com>.

#### **About Safeco Insurance**

In business since 1923, Safeco Insurance sells personal automobile, homeowners and specialty products through a network of more than 10,000 independent insurance agencies throughout the United States. Safeco is a Liberty Mutual Insurance company.

Boston-based Liberty Mutual Insurance is a diversified insurer and the fifth largest property and casualty insurer in the U.S. based on 2015 direct written premium data as reported by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Liberty Mutual is ranked 73rd on the Fortune 100 list of largest corporations in the U.S. based on 2015 revenue.

For more information about Safeco Insurance, go to [www.Safeco.com](http://www.Safeco.com).