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**Albuquerque's Miller Financial Group Wins Community Impact Award for work  
with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - New Mexico**  
*\$50,000 grant from Northwestern Mutual Foundation honors office's work with organization*

MILWAUKEE - February 23, 2010 - Ben Miller, managing partner of The Miller Financial Group, along with his team at the Albuquerque office of Northwestern Mutual, were awarded the 2010 Community Impact Award from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation for their ongoing work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) of New Mexico. JDRF is an organization committed to finding a cure for Type one diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

In recognition of the office's work with JDRF, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation will make a \$50,000 grant to support the organization's mission of finding a cure for diabetes.

Edward J. Zore, chairman and chief executive officer of Northwestern Mutual, presented the award to Mr. Miller at the 2010 Western Regional Meeting of Northwestern Mutual, held in San Diego, Calif., February 21-23.

The Miller Financial Group's work with JDRF began in 2007 when Ben Miller became the managing partner of the Albuquerque office. He was committed to finding a local nonprofit organization that his office could embrace. After a review of several nonprofits and through the support of several financial representatives in the office, his team selected JDRF as a nonprofit partner, and its involvement has grown each year.

In 2009, the Miller Financial Group was the primary sponsor and organizer for Type One Families United Network (TOFUN) picnic, a social event that allowed families and children affected by diabetes to come together for a fun, family picnic, and for one day

not worry about the disease. Activities at the event included water balloon fights, beanbag toss and other activities, all staffed by individuals from the Miller Financial Group.

The office has also been involved the last three years in a number of other JDRF events, including the *Tee Up to Cure Diabetes Golf Tournament* and *Walk to Cure Diabetes* charity walk.

“As we work alongside the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, I am continually inspired by the commitment the organization has to changing the lives of both kids and families who are impacted by Type one diabetes,” said Miller. “Our goal as an office has been to make the largest impact we can, and this grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation will go far to help JDRF strive each day to get closer to a cure while providing critical support to families in need.”

In addition to sponsoring the event, the Miller Financial Group hosts JDRF board meetings at its facilities in Albuquerque, and has been a regular sponsor of the *JDRF Kick-Off Breakfast*, one of the organization’s largest fundraising events.

### **Multimedia Links**

For a link to a video on the Miller Financial Group’s 2010 Community Impact Award, click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEO1y7slO94>

### **About The Miller Financial Group**

As part of the Northwestern Financial Network, the Miller Financial Group provides innovative strategies and personalized solutions to help clients achieve their financial goals. The network office is located in Albuquerque, with district network offices in Las Cruces and Sante Fe, New Mexico, as well as El Paso, Texas. For more, visit their website [www.millerfinancialgroup.nmfn.com](http://www.millerfinancialgroup.nmfn.com).

**About the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – New Mexico**

JDRF is the leader in research leading to a cure for Type one diabetes in the world. Its mission is to find a cure for diabetes through research. Type one diabetes is an autoimmune disease that impacts more than one million children and adults each day. Individuals impacted by the disease must constantly be aware of blood sugar levels. In New Mexico, the organization serves more than 300 families throughout the state, a state with a significantly high number of children impacted by Type one. For more information, visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

**About Northwestern Mutual**

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**About the Northwestern Mutual Foundation**

The mission of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation is to build strong, vibrant communities that serve as a legacy to future generations. The Foundation’s giving is designed to create an impact in communities where the company’s independently contracted financial representatives live and work. In fiscal year 2009, the Foundation contributed more than \$15 million to nonprofit organizations across the country. For more information, visit [www.northwesternmutual.com](http://www.northwesternmutual.com).

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