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## From the community: \$5,000 Donation to the Lake Katherine Nature Center from Hunt Insurance Group and Safeco



Matthew Hunt, Principal of Hunt Insurance Agency Inc. and Gareth Blakesley, Operations Manager of Lake Katherine holding \$5,000 check for Lake Katherine. (Posted by csanders1, Community Contributor)

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**H**unt Insurance Group in Palos Heights has earned a 2016 Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award for its community work with Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens.

The award includes a \$4,000 donation to Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens from Safeco Insurance. Hunt Insurance Group agent, Matthew Hunt, and Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens also had a story featured on [Safeco.com](#), which awarded the nonprofit an additional \$1,000. For the organization to win the extra money, at least 50 different individuals had to leave a virtual "cheer" on the [Safeco.com](#) story.

Safeco's Make More Happen Award recognizes independent agents who demonstrate extraordinary volunteerism for a nonprofit organization. These awards focus on nonprofits in the areas of health and safety, education and civil service. Hunt Insurance Group was selected for the Make More Happen Award based on a photo and application demonstrating its commitment to Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens, which serves the Palos Heights community by promoting environmentally sustainable choices through education, outdoor experiences and scientific research.

Hunt Insurance Group believes the benefits Lake Katherine offers the community are as vast as the park itself, and assists the organization by sponsoring events and helping to cover the costs of races and festivals.

"Safeco is committed to encouraging agents to make a difference in their local communities and through the Make More Happen program, we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need," said Cathy Koenig, Safeco Insurance Midwest territory manager. "We are thrilled to see so many agents participating in this program, and we're proud to help them support the local charities they care about most."

Throughout 2016, Safeco will select a total of 66 independent agencies for the awards and donate up to \$330,000 to the nonprofits they support. The Make More Happen Awards are a part of Safeco Insurance's Agent Giving Program.

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