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IICF Georgia to Host Inaugural Gala Celebrating Charitable Impact of Local Insurance Industry

Event recognizes Georgia Chapter leaders and supports grantmaking in Georgia communities

ATLANTA (Oct. 7, 2026) –The [Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation \(IICF\)](#), a unique nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening communities, will host the inaugural IICF Georgia Gala on Nov. 5, 2026, from 6:00–10:00 p.m. at Guardian Works, 775 Echo St. NW in Atlanta. The event brings together IICF and insurance leaders and grant recipients to celebrate IICF Georgia’s decade of philanthropic impact and to raise funds for IICF grants that benefit local communities across Georgia.

At the event, IICF will recognize Georgia Chapter leaders, Amie Meschi of Bridge Specialty Group and Jim Shevlin, recently retired from ESIS, Inc., for their exceptional contributions to Georgia communities over the past decade. The honorees were instrumental in the development of the IICF Georgia Chapter and have helped lead the remarkable growth of its charitable reach and industry participation.

“The Georgia Chapter’s growth and success over the past ten years has been driven by a shared belief that we can accomplish much more for our communities collectively than we can alone,” said Jim Shevlin, former IICF Georgia Chapter Chair. “As we celebrate this milestone, we are focused on building the IICF Georgia’s legacy by deepening industry participation and continuing to increase our grant-making impact in the region.”

Since its founding, the IICF Georgia Chapter has brought together professionals from insurance companies and related businesses to maximize charitable impact and serve neighbors in need through grant funding and volunteerism across the state. IICF Georgia has awarded more than \$1.7 million in grants to over 50 nonprofits and charities across the region and helped to provide more than 134,000 meals to community members struggling with food insecurity.

“When IICF Georgia was established 10 years ago, we saw an opportunity to bring together Atlanta’s insurance industry to make a meaningful difference in the communities where we live and work,” said Amie Meschi, former IICF Georgia Chapter Chair and Executive Vice President at Bridge Specialty Insurance Brokerage. “Approaching \$2 million in grants later, we’ve seen what our industry can do when we come together with a shared goal of generosity and giving back. The IICF Georgia Gala is a chance to celebrate that impact, the leaders who make it possible and raise funds for future grants.”

Susan Froman, current IICF Georgia Chair and Strategic Growth Officer at Bridge Specialty Group, noted the importance of “introducing the next generation of insurance professionals to IICF’s mission” and added, “I look forward to IICF making an even greater impact in Georgia communities over the next 10 years and beyond by involving the future leaders of the insurance industry, from current interns to those in the early years of their careers. These individuals exemplify a strong commitment to community service and philanthropy, and we are energized by what lies ahead for IICF.”

The IICF Georgia Gala will also feature celebrity guest speaker Danny Wuerffel, Heisman Trophy winner turned community servant and pickleball professional. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the IICF Georgia Community Grants Program, which supports local nonprofit organizations focused on children at risk, those struggling with housing and food insecurity and veteran’s causes.

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The [Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation \(IICF\)](#) unites the insurance industry in philanthropic giving, contributing grants and volunteer service that strengthen the communities where we live and work. Established in 1994, IICF has served as the philanthropic voice and foundation of the insurance industry for more than thirty years, awarding nearly \$57 million in community grants and providing 400,000+ volunteer hours by over 130,000 industry professionals.

IICF reinvests locally where funds are raised to maximize community impact, and partners with hundreds of charities and nonprofit organizations each year to serve our neighbors in need across the US, UK and Canada.

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