

## Community Warehouse awarded \$5,000 from Fournier Group, Inc. through the 2016 Safeco Insurance® Make More Happen Awards program.

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Fournier Group, Inc. in Portland has earned a 2016 Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award for its community work with Community Warehouse in Portland and Tualatin.

The award includes a \$4,000 donation to Community Warehouse from Safeco Insurance. Fournier Group, Inc. agent, Dirk Fournier, and Community Warehouse 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 Awards recognize 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. Fournier Group, Inc. was selected for the Make More Happen Award based on a photo and application demonstrating its commitment to Community Warehouse, a local nonprofit furniture bank, which serves low income individuals and families from Vancouver to Corvallis with essential household furnishings. Last year, more than 7,000 community members in need received assistance.

To assist the organization, Fournier Group, Inc. recently purchased chests of drawers and assembled them to give directly to families and individuals in need. Additionally, the company participates in charity fundraising events.

“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 Carmen Jacobson, Safeco Insurance northwest 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.

### About Community Warehouse

Community Warehouse is the only full-service, nonprofit furniture bank in the greater Portland metro area that collects and redistributes donated household goods and furnishings to neighbors in need.

Through two locations and partnerships with over 200 social service agencies, faith communities, and public schools, families are able to receive beds, a kitchen table and chairs, a dresser, sofa, living room furniture, linens, and items for cooking and cleaning all in a single visit. These basic yet essential comforts of home go a long way in helping people improve their stability, quality of life, and self-sufficiency. With a functional living space, families can turn their attention toward moving forward in their lives.

Community Warehouse currently helps create homes for 50 families every week, and over 7,000 neighbors in need each year.



Dunetchka Otero-Serrano, Executive Director of Community Warehouse and Dirk Fournier, CEO & President of Fournier Group, Inc.

For more information about how to donate, volunteer, or get involved with Community Warehouse, visit [www.communitywarehouse.org](http://www.communitywarehouse.org).

### About Safeco Insurance

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