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**Symetra Honors Bellevue Employee for Exemplary Community Service**

BELLEVUE, Wash. — (March 2, 2015) — Symetra, a national provider of employee benefits, annuities and life insurance, announced that Candace Bailey is the recipient of the company's 2014 CEO Service Award. The annual award recognizes Symetra employees for exemplary community service. Bailey handles income annuities-related inquiries as a customer service representative in the company's Bellevue, Washington, headquarters.

As part of the CEO Service Award, Symetra donates \$1,000 to the nonprofit organization of the winner's choice. Bailey is directing her award to the Rainier Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary 2289, located in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood. Deeply committed to serving veterans and their families, Bailey became a VFW member in 1987 and a Life Member in 1998. She has held multiple voluntary positions, including serving as president of District 2 in King County. Bailey's military service connection is a strong one — she is the granddaughter of a U.S. Marine, the daughter of a U.S. Air Force service member, and also participated in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) at Konawaena High School in Kealahou, Hawaii.

"Community involvement and a spirit of service are core values at Symetra," said Symetra CEO Tom Marra, who selected Bailey for the honor. "Candace Bailey's passion and enthusiasm for helping others is clearly evident in every project she tackles, and I'm proud to present her with the 2014 Service Award." In addition to Rainier VFW Auxiliary 2289, Bailey is involved with Atlantic Street Center in Seattle and the Garfield Community Center in Seattle's Central District.

Bailey cited Symetra's service culture as a key influence in her decision to join the company in June 2013. An active participant in the annual companywide Symetra Week of Service, Bailey sorted toys and assembled children's backpacks for a WestSide Baby project in 2014 and made fleece blankets for Seattle-area homeless youth as part of a 2013 Week of Service project for YouthCare.

"I'm not a person that does well sitting still, and I know from personal experience that one person can have a profound impact," said Bailey. "There is something about volunteering that warms my heart. It makes me feel complete. Winston Churchill said it best: 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'"

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