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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION NAMES RICHARD JONES GUILFORD HEART BALL CHAIR

GREENSBORO, NC –May 21, 2018 – Richard Jones, Employee Benefits Consultant of Marsh & McLennan Agency (MMA), has been named the 2019 Chairperson of the annual Guilford Heart Ball by the American Heart Association (AHA) in the Triad.

The Guilford Heart Ball is an annual, black-tie event with the goals to raise funds for cardiovascular research, prevention education, and community outreach programs. Through fundraising, the event supports multiple local projects including providing \$1.2 million in American Heart Association-funded research currently taking place at Wake Forest University, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, and UNC Greensboro. AHA-funded research grants helped to develop stents, pacemakers, bypass surgery, life-extending drugs, artificial valves and even CPR, just to name a few. The Guilford Heart Ball also celebrates the accomplishments and impact of the American Heart Association in Guilford County.

Richard Jones has been in the employee benefits industry for over 14 years, designing benefits solutions for middle market businesses. As Guilford Heart Ball Chair, he will lead an executive team of 15 people to drive fundraising goals and recruit new companies and sponsors to get involved. Marsh & McLennan Agency has actively supported the American Heart Association of Guilford County in past years with executives T. Gray McCaskill and Joe Hughes also serving in advisory positions. Through this support, MMA has utilized the AHA's research and educational materials to improve their clients' employee benefits programs, providing targeted recommendations so their clients' can make smarter benefit decisions and live healthier lives.

"I'm so passionate about what this organization does for our community," said Mr. Jones. "The Heart Ball is a landmark event in Guilford County, and I'm excited to play an integral part in helping them fulfill their mission in 2019."

"The American Heart Association is extremely proud to have Richard Jones taking the lead as Chairperson for the 2019 Guilford Heart Ball," said Hollan Anderson, American Heart Association's Guilford Heart Ball Director of Development. "Supporting the Guilford Heart Ball helps to drive home the next big advancements and techniques for heart disease and stroke. With Jones' leadership, we will be able to build a healthier Guilford County."

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in the United States for both men and women and stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in the nation. In Guilford County, diseases of the heart and stroke are second and third leading causes of death respectively. The good news is that heart disease and stroke are both up to 80% preventable by exploring your family history, knowing your vital health numbers, making heart-healthy lifestyle changes, and becoming familiar with the warning signs of heart attack and stroke.

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About American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – the two leading causes of death in the world. We team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-800-AHA-USA1, visit heart.org or call any of our offices around the country. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).