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Shelter Insurance® Holds Community Contest

Columbia, MO – Starting on March 27, Shelter Insurance® will begin accepting entries for their fourth annual "Thankful for Our Communities" essay contest. Five winners of the contest will each receive a \$5,000 grant for the charity of their choice and a \$100 Visa® gift card for themselves.

To win, contestants must visit [ShelterInsurance.com/Thankful](https://www.ShelterInsurance.com/Thankful) to enter their essays about what makes their communities special. Essays must be between 3,000 and 6,000 characters long (that's roughly 350-1,000 words), and contestants should encourage others to vote for their essay. The essay that receives the most votes will win one of the prizes. The next nine essays with the most votes will be submitted to a panel of Shelter judges, who will choose the four remaining winners. Entries will be accepted until April 17, 2017; voting ends April 24, 2017.

Shelter has always encouraged community involvement, and this contest gives people a chance to spotlight their communities, as well as the opportunity to make a large contribution to their favorite charity. Charities that received donations in the past from the contest include:

- Ally's House – Tecumseh, Oklahoma
- Haysville Education Foundation - Haysville, Kansas
- The Aubrey Rainey Fund for Biliary Atresia Research at Texas Children's Hospital - Grenada, Mississippi
- Cozad Afterzone – Cozad, Nebraska
- Imagination Library of Bedford County – Shelbyville, Tennessee
- Sidewalk to the Future – El Dorado Springs, Missouri
- Crisis Pregnancy Center - Bloomington, Indiana
- Union County Happy Pack Program – Henderson, Kentucky

Shelter Insurance® and its agents have a long history of supporting the communities they serve. The contest is a good opportunity to continue that tradition according to Frank Thompson, Vice President of Marketing. "This contest is always very well received and gives us the opportunity to help people point out the many positive aspects of their communities, find out what's important to the citizens of those communities, and help support those causes."

To learn more about the contest, visit <https://www.ShelterInsurance.com/Thankful> or contact your local Shelter agent.

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