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Aurora/Pratt Survivors' Fund Announces Distribution Plan \$559,604.24 donated for victims of February 15th shooting

AURORA, IL, October 2, 2019—The Aurora/Pratt Survivors' Fund Steering Committee for the Aurora Pratt /Survivors Fund has approved a distribution plan for the families of those killed, and employees injured and directly present during the February 15th shooting at the Henry Pratt Facility, to share in the \$559,604.24 that was donated to the fund.

Families of the deceased, those injured, and individuals present in the Archer Building at the Henry Pratt Facility at the time of the shooting were all eligible for benefits under the protocols. A total of 29 applications were validated to partake in the distribution of the funds.

"The Aurora community was well-represented by individuals on the committee who took very seriously their obligation to distribute these funds in a fair, transparent, and victim-centered manner," said Amber Drew, chair of the Aurora/Pratt Survivors' steering committee. "They thoughtfully considered every perspective and made the difficult decisions that were in the best interests of victims, their families, the community, and the intent of the donors."

"We are extremely grateful to the Aurora/Pratt Survivors' Fund steering committee for their assistance and leadership in developing a fair and transparent distribution process," said Jeff Dion, Executive Director of the National Compassion Fund which administered the process. "We are also thankful to Mueller Water Products, and the generous contributions made to the fund by the community of Aurora, the State of Illinois, and the rest of country and throughout the world."

Under state law, minors and others with special needs receiving large gifts, will be required to set up trusts. Applicants without any special circumstances will receive payment in the next few weeks.