

Lincoln Financial Network Recognized by *InvestmentNews* for Diversity and Inclusion

PHILADELPHIA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Lincoln Financial Network (LFN), the retail wealth management division of Lincoln Financial Group (NYSE: LNC), announced today that it has been recognized by *InvestmentNews* in its inaugural Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award program. LFN was awarded honorable mention in the Diversity Champion category for its promotion of diversity and inclusion among employees, advancement of women in the financial advisory industry, and partnership with non-profit organizations to help address diversity issues in the community.

"Diversity, inclusion and equality are cornerstones of our LFN culture as we build and sustain empowered employee and advisor communities," said David Berkowitz, president of Lincoln Financial Network. "We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to proactively promoting diversity and inclusion and addressing issues of importance for our employees, our advisors and the clients and communities we serve."

The Diversity Champion category recognizes non-advisory firms and other industry organizations for their initiatives to foster diversity and inclusion within the firm or within the financial advice profession. LFN was recognized for its internal efforts, as part of the Lincoln organization, to promote diversity and inclusion with the signing of the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion. LFN employee efforts were also highlighted including the long-standing partnership with Carry the Load, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing active, meaningful ways to honor and celebrate the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes. Within the industry, LFN was recognized for its support of The WISE Group (Women Inspiring, Supporting and Educating), a grass roots organization within LFN with the mission of furthering the growth and development of women in the financial advisory industry and addressing the unique needs of female clients.

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