

Center names 2020 Volunteer and Partner of the Year

Center for Cyber Safety and Education names 2020 Volunteer and Partner of the Year Awards to recognize efforts made towards cyber safety education

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, November 17, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nonprofit Center for Cyber Safety and Education (Center) names Greg Thompson, CISSP as its 2020 Volunteer of the Year and Amazon Web Services as its Partner of the Year at the annual [\(ISC\)2 Security Congress](#).

"The Center relies heavily on the support of volunteers and business partners to continue its mission of making it a safer cyber world for everyone," says Patrick Craven, director of the Center. "As a global foundation, these external forces, help the Center grow its message and impact worldwide. Without their commitment and passion, the Center wouldn't be where it is today."

To acknowledge the efforts of those who have gone above and beyond, each year the Center chooses an individual for its Julie Peeler Franz "Do It For The Children" Volunteer Award and a company for its 'Partner of the Year' award to be recognized at the annual (ISC)2 Security Congress.

The Center is pleased to recognize Greg Thompson, CISSP with the 2020 Julie Peeler Franz "Do It For The Children" Volunteer Award. Thompson is the vice president and chief information



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Greg Thompson, CISSP

security officer for Manulife Financial in Toronto, Canada. He has extensive experience in industries ranging from Telecommunications to Financial Services. Prior to rejoining Manulife in 2018, Thompson worked for Scotiabank for 15 years where he led the combined Operational and IT Risk Practices. Greg has been a volunteer with the Center since it began and currently serves as Chairman of Board of Trustees. He is the former Vice Chair of the (ISC)2 Board of Directors and is a Board Member of the Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange.



Thompson has recruited and led a group of volunteers in Toronto to help support the Center and ensure citizens and children of their community have access to the Center's award-winning programs. To-date some 20,000 children have benefited from his leadership and his efforts. As chairman of the Trustees, Thompson provides inspirational leadership through both his words and deeds to the rest of the volunteers. For his leadership and commitment to making it a safer cyber world, the Center for Cyber Safety and Education is proud to recognize Greg Thompson as the 2020 Julie Peeler Franz "Do It For The Children" Volunteer of the year.

The Center also is pleased to honor Amazon Web Services as their 2020 Partner of the Year recipient. AWS has become a key player in the Center efforts to grow the award-winning Garfield's Cyber Safety Adventures program into new markets. Their support, leadership and creative input into the new Cyber Safety Day outreach efforts will help provide an additional 100,000 cyber safety lesson to students in the coming years. AWS is partnering with the Center to target new cities and expanding not only the delivery of these vital programs in those major markets, but also bringing other organizations and sponsors with them. This team effort will greatly expand and improve the Center's community outreach. For their leadership and commitment to making it a safer cyber world, the Center for Cyber Safety and Education is proud to recognize AWS as 2020 Partner of the Year.

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About Center for Cyber Safety and Education

The Center for Cyber Safety and Education (Center), is a non-profit charitable trust committed to making the cyber world a safer place for everyone. The Center works to ensure that people across the globe have a positive and safe experience online through their award-winning educational programs, scholarships, and research. Visit www.IAmCyberSafe.org to learn more.

Julie Peeler Franz "Do It For The Children" Volunteer Award

Named after Julie Peeler Franz, who was the first Director of the (ISC)2 Foundation, now the

Center for Cyber Safety and Education, where she led for several years. Julie had a brilliant mind and fought cancer with great courage and determination, the same way she approached her efforts to make the cyber world a safer place for everyone. Any time you had a conversation with Julie about the Center's educational programs, she always went right for your heart by reminding you "It's for the children."

Partner of the Year Award

The award recognizes organizations that provide valuable resources in time, talent and treasure, and allow the Center to deliver its vital programs to larger audiences around the globe. While volunteers are the heart of any charity, the lifeblood comes from the support of organizations and companies that share the Center's vision to make it a safer cyber world. Providing financial support to advance the cause and taking an active role in growing the program is a key aspect when recognizing a 'Partner of the Year.'

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