

## Project Lifesaver Selected for Top Global Nonprofit of the Year by IAOTB

Project Lifesaver will be inducted at the International Association of Top Businesses awards gala in Las Vegas

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, May 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Project Lifesaver, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit initiated in 1998, was selected for Top Global Nonprofit for 2025 by the International Association of Top Businesses (IAOTB) for its phenomenal results, dedication, and commitment to the industry.

Inclusion with the International Association of Top Businesses is an honor in itself; only a few members, businesses, and programs in each discipline are chosen for this distinction. These special honorees are distinguished based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, longevity in the field, other affiliations, and contributions to their communities.



For more than two and a half decades, Project Lifesaver is the premier search-and- rescue program operated internationally by public-safety agencies, and is strategically designed for "atrisk" individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Project Lifesaver utilizes three key components to enable first responders to achieve the program's mission of bringing loved ones home: Cutting Edge Locating Technology, Innovative SAR Methods to recover individuals with cognitive conditions, and Community Policing Courses, which provide a basic understanding of cognitive condition and necessary tools to respond.

Termed the "Gold Standard in Excellence" throughout the special needs SAR community, Project Lifesaver was the first organization to significantly address the elopement issue among at risk individuals, and since 1999, they have been the only Nonprofit organization actively educating and equipping public safety agencies in the protection, search, and safe recovery of wanderers. Project Lifesaver is second to none – it was first and is the only program of its kind, and has been the inspiration for many locating devices currently on the market; though no other organization has been able to replicate our effectiveness & reliability!

Project Lifesaver is second to none. It was the first and is the only program of its kind, and it has been the inspiration for many locating devices currently on the market — although no other organization has been able to replicate Project Lifesaver's effectiveness and reliability." Project Lifesaver is the trusted and proven most-effective program dedicated to protecting and, when necessary, quickly locating individuals with cognitive conditions that cause the life-threatening behavior of wandering.

As a Nonprofit organization, Project Lifesaver does not view wandering protection and prevention as a "market." Their clear and singular focus is on providing these most vulnerable groups and their caregivers with the support and protection they need. They see their mission as bringing peace of mind and improving the quality of life of these high-risk populations and their caregivers. Their passion is safety, security, and protection. Their philosophy is efficiency, integrity, and innovation.



Throughout the tenure of this program, it has received many awards and accolades including The Silver Stevie Award Winner for 2021 by the American Business Awards and they were a Finalist for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's 2021 Citizen Honor Awards. Project Lifesaver International will be awarded this December at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas for its selection of Top Global Nonprofit of the Year.

The President of the International Association of Top Businesses (IAOTB), Stephanie Cirami, stated: "Choosing Project Lifesaver for this honor was an easy decision for our panel to make. Chief Gene Saunders is inspirational, influential, and a true visionary and thought leader. We cannot wait to see him and celebrate his foundation's accomplishments at this year's gala."

Looking back, Chief Sauders attributes his success to his perseverance, work ethic, and the mentors he has had along the way. When not working, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. In the future, he hopes to inspire and influence those getting into the field.

For more information, please visit: <u>https://projectlifesaver.org/</u>

## About IAOTB

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IAOTB's experts have given thousands of top prestigious professionals around the world the recognition and credibility that they deserve and have helped them build their branding empires. IAOTB prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best and creates a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals together.

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