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## Pharmacists Mutual Donates to Algona RAGBRAI *Company and Employees Give \$5,000 Gift*

On Monday, June 19, Pharmacists Mutual announced a \$5,000 lead gift to the Algona RAGBRAI committee for planning and support of the event. Leadership and employees of the company were present to transfer the funds to representatives of the committee.

Jon Grether, Chief Operating Officer of Pharmacists Mutual, spoke about the donation. He said that it was employees of the company, through their Foundation, who decided to give the gift. The company further contributed to the donation.

“One of the company’s core values is citizenship,” Grether said. Supporting RAGBRAI allows Pharmacists Mutual not only to support employees and families in Algona, but also surrounding communities and across the nation. “Pharmacists does business all across the nation, and everyone knows RAGBRAI riders come from everywhere. It’s our opportunity to share with the rest of the United States.”

“RAGBRAI coming to Algona is a huge event. When you have twenty to thirty thousand people roll into town from all over the country, it’s a great opportunity to showcase the community and friendliness of the Midwest and Algona,” Grether said.

Julie Murphy, a Pharmacists Mutual employee and executive co-chair of Algona RAGBRAI, also spoke about the donation’s impact through RAGBRAI.

“Sometimes north-central Iowa isn’t on the map for people. This is our chance to showcase what Algona and the North Iowa area have to offer. We have so many opportunities that many small communities can only dream of.”

Grether encourages other companies considering a gift to do so, saying that Algona RAGBRAI will be a great event.

The committee extends its thanks to Pharmacists Mutual and its employees for this generous contribution. RAGBRAI riders will “Discover Our Oasis” during their overnight in Algona on July 24. For more information about Algona RAGBRAI, visit their website at [www.algonaragbrai.org](http://www.algonaragbrai.org) or follow them on Facebook and Twitter.



*Front Row: Laurie Harms, Ed Yorty, Jon Grether, Lynn Weringa, Rick and Julie Murphy, and Rhonda Ostwald were joined by other Pharmacists Mutual employees and RAGBRAI executive committee members at the announcement.*