

Media Advisory

Region's Largest IT Conference to Donate \$311,000 for Tech Needs August 20, 2018 During Special Ceremony at T-REX

Gateway to Innovation Has Given Back Nearly \$1.7 Million Since 2006

St. Louis, MO – Gateway to Innovation (G2I) will present \$310,782 in community giveback to 27 recipients during a special event hosted at T-REX, 911 Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis **Monday August 20 at 10:00 am.**

Each year [G2I donates 100 percent of net proceeds](#) from its increasingly popular annual conference, which was attended by 1,500 regional Information Technology (IT) professionals in downtown St. Louis in mid-May. The funds are presented in the form of scholarships, endowments for college/university technology programs and to worthy organizations that demonstrate technology-related needs. Since the first conference in 2006, G2I community giveback totals \$ 1,679,951.

At the event August 20, G2I will distribute the remaining 2018 community giveback while also highlighting the tremendous impact technology has on the St. Louis economy. G2I 2018 contributions have already been presented for scholarships to six St. Louis area high school students pursuing a technology degree at a local university and for a new technology-focused endowed scholarship fund at Fontbonne University.

- **WHO:** Gateway to Innovation
- **WHAT:** Special Awards Ceremony and News Conference
- **WHERE:** T-REX, Morgan Stanley room
911 Washington Avenue, 5th floor – Downtown St. Louis, MO
- **WHEN:** 10:00 am, Monday August 20, 2018
- **WHY:** Recognize the economic importance of technology; provide financial support for innovative technology initiatives through proceeds generated by Gateway to Innovation

About Gateway to Innovation: *Gateway to Innovation is the premier annual collaboration and networking event for IT Professionals in the St. Louis region. Gateway to Innovation inspires innovation through premier educational opportunities led by the industry's top leaders, provides an opportunity to share best practices and fosters collaboration with colleagues who face challenges and opportunities in our fast-paced industry. Since the first event in 2006, Gateway to Innovation has donated \$1,679,951 for IT scholarships and for technology-related grants to St. Louis area educational and non-profit organizations. More information can be found at www.g2iconference.com or by contacting Kristin Tucker at 314-276-7600.*

