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PRESS RELEASE

Amalgamated Life Insurance Company President and CEO David Walsh and Chairman of the Board Noel Beasley Honored with the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Memorial's Clara Lemlich Public Service Award

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Amalgamated Life Insurance Company, (www.amalgamatedlife.com), a leading provider of life and health insurance, announced today that its President and Chief Executive Officer David Walsh along with its Chairman of the Board Noel Beasley, President of Workers United and the manager of its Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board, and a Vice President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), have been named recipients of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Memorial's (TSFFM) Clara Lemlich Public Service Award. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Beasley received this honor at the TSFFM's 2014 Annual Dinner held on March 25, 2014 at the New York City Fire Museum (New York, NY).

The Clara Lemlich Public Service Award recognizes individuals whose work and spirit have resulted in better wages and working conditions for members of the ILGWU. In the early 1900s, Lemlich participated in efforts to improve the wages and working conditions for her co-workers in the garment industry. Even after receiving violent beatings orchestrated by factory owners, she persisted in her efforts, which ultimately resulted in a strike by 20,000 garment workers that lasted several months and finally culminated in the workers' receiving better wages and working conditions.

Noel Beasley has had a role in labor since 1974 when, he became a member of the Textile Workers Union while working as a welder in an Indiana factory. In 1977, he became a member of the union's staff and has served as its director of Midwest Operations for 25 years. It was within his region that two of the union's biggest job savings campaigns were waged involving Hartmax (Chicago, IL), the nation's largest menswear manufacturer, and Hugo Boss, the last clothing manufacturer in Cleveland, which had planned to shut down its plant and lay off 400 workers – a decision which was reversed by the successful union campaign led by Beasley.

At Amalgamated Life, Walsh has long been a strong proponent of helping working Americans gain high quality employee benefits and safe working conditions. Under his leadership, the company has expanded its product offerings to be even more responsive to the needs of workers across the nation. Walsh's proactive stance has resulted in other honors including, most recently, being named to the "2013 Irish America Business 100" which recognized the "best and brightest Irish-American leaders in corporate America."

Both Beasley and Walsh acknowledged that being named recipients of the Clara Lemlich Public Service Award was one of the most valued honors of their respective careers.

About Amalgamated Life

Since its inception in 1943, Amalgamated Life has grown into a leading provider of high quality life and health insurance solutions. The Company's extensive portfolio features group life insurance products ranging from basic coverage, to accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life, retiree life and group term life. Additionally, the Company offers long- and short-term disability insurance, a suite of voluntary insurance products, and medical stop loss insurance. Amalgamated Life's proven track record is evidenced in its 38 consecutive A.M. Best "A" (Excellent) ratings attesting to its financially strong condition and excellent claims-paying ability. Amalgamated Life is a member of the Amalgamated Family of Companies which also includes: Amalgamated Agency, a property and casualty insurance brokerage; AliCare, a third-party administrator; AliCare Medical Management, a medical care management firm; AliComp, an Information Technology and data center outsourcing company; and AliGraphics, a printing and graphics firm. For more information, visit: www.amalgamatedlife.com or contact: kspalding@amalgamatedlife.com.

About TSFFM

TSFFM is a recognized as a 501 (c)(3) organization, incorporated on December 2nd, 2002, was established to memorialize the events of the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory on March 25th, 1911 and its impact in changing existing New York State labor laws. In 1911, The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory was the largest shirtwaist manufacturer in New York City. The company employed 500 workers, who were primarily Italian and Jewish immigrants in ages ranging from 13 to 23. The owner's decision to lock the doors on the workers proved to be a fatal one in the fire, which took hundreds of lives, and is recorded as the worst factory fire in New York City's history. TSFFM seeks to educate the general public regarding workplace safety, and to establish a scholarship fund for children of injured workers.

The TSFFM was established to memorialize the March 25th, 1911 tragedy and its impact upon workplace safety regulation and workers' compensation. The TSFFM was recognized by the NYS Bar Association with a presentation of a 2006 AWARD OF MERIT as a special project of the Injured Workers Bar Association. For more information, visit: <http://trianglememorial.org/the-triangle>