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Assurant Employee Benefits opens nomination process for annual national award to producers

Kansas City, Mo., (August 18, 2009) – Assurant Employee Benefits, a national provider of non-medical group employee benefits including disability insurance, has opened nominations for its 2010 Shining Star of Perseverance award to producers. Nominations are now being accepted for consideration through October 9, 2009. The award will be presented on May 5 in Kansas City, Mo.

The Shining Star of Perseverance award was established in 2003 to be given annually to an individual or group of individuals making a recent significant contribution toward demonstrating perseverance through disabling illness or injury. Nominees should be working-age adults who have shown outstanding perseverance despite disability and who can inspire others with their stories. They must be willing and able to travel, motivate a large, live audience and participate in media interviews.

Past Shining Star award recipients include Army veteran and “All My Children” actor J.R. Martinez, who was severely burned while fighting in the Iraq war and today uses his scars to inspire others; the authors of *Nordie’s at Noon*, a book about coming together to reach the common goal of beating cancer, and former U.S. Senator Robert Dole, whose achievements following devastating battlefield injuries sustained during World War II inspired a generation of Americans.

To learn more about the Shining Star of Perseverance award or to submit a nomination, visit www.assurantemployeebenefits.com/shiningstar.

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