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The Board of Directors and Advisory Council are working on these key projects:

1. We currently are assessing all the nominations received for the Future Famers Class of 2022, Ammer Honoree and Bellwether Class of 2022. In late spring we will reveal the 2022 Future Famers first, and then the Ammer and Bellwether Honorees during the summer.
2. If you would like to view a helpful, quick and thorough explanation of our process, click on the "Nominations" tab, then the video link at the top.
3. We also are planning the **2022 Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum** and the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (BLFIRE15)**, both scheduled to be in-person events at **Marquette University**, Milwaukee, on **October 3**. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available and open online. Access them on the front page of [BellwetherLeague.org](https://BellwetherLeague.org).
4. We have uploaded all audio and video files of past recorded Forums and Annual Induction events. You can view them on [BellwetherLeague.org](https://BellwetherLeague.org) by clicking on the "Videos" tab.
5. We also are developing the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Leaders & Luminaries* magazine that will focus on "Supply Chain's Future State." If you would like to participate as an editorial source or even sponsor the publication, please contact Executive Editor Rick Dana Barlow at [rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org](mailto:rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org) for details.
6. Next month we will be sending out a heartfelt thank you to our current sustaining sponsors along with 2022 invoices.

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**Spotlight on ... Platinum Sustaining Sponsor GHX**

*When wildfires scorched Louisville, CO, back in December, making news nationally and globally, there was never any doubt nor hesitation that the staff and leadership at GHX would get involved with rescue and relief, regardless of their proximity to the flames.*

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**GHX headquarters resides within the circle above, near a residential neighborhood destroyed by the December wildfires that swept through parts of Colorado.**

Experiencing and enduring a crisis or disaster can be excruciating, but it also can draw out the best in people and organizations.

GHX, a Bellwether League Foundation Platinum Sustaining Sponsor, represents a prime example of generosity and goodwill as they were involved in supporting recovery efforts – both financially and physically with available space and labor, according to Bruce Johnson, GHX President & CEO.

In addition to running GHX, Johnson also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for A Precious Child (APC), a Colorado nonprofit organization located 15 minutes from the GHX office that has clothing and daily essentials it has been distributing to more than 1,000 families who lost homes as well as to hundreds of others who could not access their homes due to power and electricity being shut off. “APC was very heavily utilized by FEMA during the ‘500-year flood’ experienced in 2013, so we are leaning in heavily with

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American Red Cross and A Precious Child,” Johnson told BLF’s REMEMBER in an exclusive interview. “Lots to do and great response from our employees to help out!”

As if dealing with pandemic protocols weren’t enough, now the local citizens were tested with additional hurdles.

“On top of an already challenging year, the Marshall and Middle Fork fires were devastating for families living in Superior, Louisville and unincorporated Boulder County, including many GHX employees. Gratefully, all our employees still have a home standing, but there has been smoke damage to some homes as well as a lack of electricity, water and gas,” Johnson said.

“Our headquarters in Louisville did not sustain any permanent damage, but the office remains closed. Our focus is on ensuring our employees and their families have a safe and comfortable place to live as well as aiding the community in its extensive recovery efforts.”

To assist the impacted communities, GHX donated to the Colorado Region Red Cross, the Boulder County Wildfire Fund and A Precious Child, according to Johnson. They also opened a matching gift program where GHX agreed to match employee donations to the relief organizations through the end of February. “Beyond financial aid, we are coordinating with local organizations for when they are ready to receive volunteers,” he added.



**Bruce Johnson, GHX President & CEO**

A Precious Child also has been making a clear difference.

“A Precious Child has a long history of stepping up in the wake of disaster,” Johnson said. “They assisted FEMA and Boulder County in helping families displaced by the 2013 floods. They are now working with more than 500 agency partners, including FEMA and Boulder County Health and Human Services, to identify and serve residents who have been impacted by the fires. The APC team has been gathering new and gently used clothing, gift cards and other essentials for people who have lost their belongings and are making these items available at their primary Resource Center, free of charge. Additionally, APC donors and board members have created a \$750,000 matching fund for donations made in the first quarter of 2022. This funding will support the expanded demand for APC’s services between helping the families that were impacted by the fires in Boulder County as well as the eight Denver Metro counties the organization already assists.”

Johnson views what happened as a curious punctuation mark to yet another challenging year.

“This wasn’t the way any of us imagined closing out 2021 and starting the new year, but our community is filled with kind-hearted, determined people who are eager to help one another. It may take time, but the community will heal,” he assured.

Johnson shared a list of websites for those in the Bellwether Community to visit and view if they wanted to support ongoing relief efforts.

- <https://apreciouschild.org/donate/> Select “where the need is greatest” from the dropdown menu and add “Match for Mission Marshall Fire” in the comments.

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- <https://apreciouschild.org/take-action/volunteer/>
- [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19D1J56XRJ9ZI?ref=wl\\_fw\\_le](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19D1J56XRJ9ZI?ref=wl_fw_le) (APC Amazon Wish List – additional lists can be found on the lefthand side of the page.)
- <https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado.html>
- <https://www.commfund.org/grants/get-grant/Boulder-County-Wildfire-Fund>

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### Spotlight on ... Your Organization?

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## **Noteworthy news, reviews and views we’re reading from around the media world**

### HEALTHCARE PURCHASING NEWS

Ongoing pandemic, lingering supply chain aftershocks press GPOs, IDNs

<https://www.hpnonline.com/sourcing-logistics/article/21253093/ongoing-pandemic-lingering-supply-chain-aftershocks-press-gpos-idns>

Next-generation distribution models must embrace that syncing feeling

<https://www.hpnonline.com/sourcing-logistics/article/21250081/nextgeneration-distribution-models-must-embrace-that-syncing-feeling>

### MHI SOLUTIONS

Taking Sustainability Down the Supply Chain

[https://www.mhisolutionsmag.com/index.php/2021/12/10/taking-sustainability-down-the-supply-chain/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=rasa\\_io](https://www.mhisolutionsmag.com/index.php/2021/12/10/taking-sustainability-down-the-supply-chain/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io)

### FAST COMPANY

Supply chain issues will continue well into 2022—with a twist

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90711792/supply-chain-issues-will-continue-well-into-2022-with-a-twist?>

### SUPPLY CHAIN DIVE

We can stop blaming the supply chain now

<https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/supply-chain-not-to-blame-procurement/617377>

2022 supply chain outlook features shortages, high delivery costs

<https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/supply-chain-outlook-2022-shortages-labor-rates-capacity/618052/>

## **From the pages of *Leaders & Luminaries* magazine ...**

- **Scanning titles in the Bellwether’s book club:** *What’s in the stacks of the logistician’s library?*  
<https://bellwetherleague.org/ll/ll3/LL-issue-3.php>



- The 5th edition will focus on “Healthcare Supply Chain’s Future State” as part of BLF’s 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a collector’s edition of strategic thinking and tactics! If you would like to participate as an editorial source, email Executive Editor Rick Dana Barlow at [rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org](mailto:rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org).

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<i>Leaders &amp; Luminaries</i> podcasts	BLFIRE event program
<i>Leaders &amp; Luminaries</i> webcasts	Kowalski Leadership & Succession Planning Survey
Hall of Fame VIP Reception	Bellwether Philanthropy grants and scholarships
Hall of Fame Photography Session	REMEMBER newsletter
Supply Chain Management Assessment Tool (SCMAT)	

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