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### **German-American Chamber of Commerce Announces Companies of the Year**

The Board of Directors of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Minnesota Chapter, is pleased to announce the winners of its 2015 Companies of the Year Award: Allianz Life Insurance Company is Service Company of the Year, and Heraeus Medical Components is Manufacturing Company of the Year.

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, headquartered in Golden Valley, is one of the nation's leading providers of retirement, annuities and life insurance products. A subsidiary of Allianz SE, a German-based firm founded in 1896, it is part of one of the largest international financial services providers in the world, assisting over 78 million customers in 70 countries. Allianz Life in Minnesota has a long history of community service and environmental stewardship.

Heraeus Medical Components, headquartered in White Bear Lake, is part of the Heraeus Group, a 160-year old family-owned enterprise based in Germany. Heraeus Medical designs and manufactures medical technologies and parts for the medical device industry. The company has been an active industry leader in Minnesota since 2004, when it acquired Vadnais Technologies, then acquired a division of Synovis in 2008 and most recently has completed the acquisition of NeoMetrics. Heraeus has a strong record of community participation in White Bear Lake, and is a leader in energy efficiency and 'green building' technology.

Allianz and Heraeus will be awarded their respective Company of the Year awards at the annual gala of the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Minnesota Chapter, on Saturday, May 30th, at the Minneapolis Hilton. Tickets for this event are still available on [www.gacom-mn.org](http://www.gacom-mn.org).

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