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Cheri Plummer Presented with Big I Illinois Agent of the Year Award

Springfield, IL. (September 2026) –Cheri Plummer, owner of CLP Insurance Solutions, LLC. in Springfield has been named Agent of the Year by Big I Illinois, an association representing independent insurance agents throughout the state.

The Agent of the Year Award honors the outstanding performance and achievement of an individual who is a retail agent member of Big I Illinois. The nominee must be a licensed agent and contribute to their agency's performance through production, use of technology, professional development, and civic responsibility.

Plummer began her career in mortgage banking before transitioning to insurance. When she opened her own agency in the fall of 2024, she deliberately invested in dedicated office space, management system, sales and prospecting tools and experienced staff. "These foundational investments position CLP Insurance Solutions for our 5-and10-year growth goals, creating a turnkey environment to mentor new talent entering the industry," said Plummer.

When it comes to bringing new talent into the industry, Plummer not only created a network of female agency owners to share business strategies and insights, she's also committed to supporting and mentoring local business leaders through the Illinois Women in Leadership and Women Entrepreneurs of Central Illinois. She has also got an eye on the future of the industry and is exploring partnership opportunities that would allow her to create a vocational pathway for students to enter the insurance industry.

When asked what why she chose to become an independent agent, Plummer said, "Being independent means, I am not beholden to a single carrier; my loyalty belongs entirely to doing the right thing for my clients, my carrier partners, and my community."

Big I Illinois is an association representing independent insurance agents throughout the state. Big I Illinois membership is comprised of 800 insurance agencies representing 10,000 licensed independent agents engaged in all facets of the insurance industry, including property, casualty, life, and health. Its members offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. In addition to serving the professional needs of members, Big I Illinois works for the betterment of the insurance industry through legislative and consumer awareness programs. For more information, visit www.ilbigi.org.

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