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## Smith & Wesson® Contributes \$1 million to Benefit the NRA Institute for Legislative Action

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**Fairfax, Va.** – The National Rifle Association (NRA) today announced that it has received a \$1 million gift to the NRA Institute for Legislative Action from Smith & Wesson, a leader in firearm design and manufacturing and an iconic American company. Presented at the 2015 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits, this is the latest in a series of gifts from Smith & Wesson to a variety of NRA entities.

Smith & Wesson CEO James Debney said, "At Smith & Wesson we are honored to be part of an American heritage that goes back 163 years and is rooted in the fabric and the freedoms of our country. Our customers have loyally supported our products, while the NRA has loyally defended the Second Amendment. We are proud to play our part by doing all we can to support the NRA-ILA and its efforts to preserve the rights of Americans to keep and bear arms."

"We greatly appreciate Smith & Wesson's generosity and leadership in helping defend our Second Amendment freedoms," said Chris W. Cox, executive director of NRA-ILA. "This gift will help us educate millions of Americans about the importance of protecting their constitutional rights now and in the future."

The NRA Institute for Legislative Action is responsible for the NRA's legislative, legal and political efforts. In addition, NRA-ILA educates Americans on the importance of their Second Amendment Freedoms and hunting heritage.

## **About Smith & Wesson**

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC) is a U.S.-based leader in firearm manufacturing and design, delivering a broad portfolio of quality firearms, related products, and training to the global military, law enforcement, and consumer markets. The company's firearm division brands include Smith & Wesson®, M&P®, and Thompson/Center Arms M. As an industry leading provider of shooting, reloading, gunsmithing and gun cleaning supplies, the company's accessories division produces innovative, top quality products under Battenfeld Technologies, Inc., including Caldwell® Shooting Supplies, Wheeler® Engineering, Tipton® Gun Cleaning Supplies, Frankford Arsenal® Reloading Tools, Lockdown® Vault Accessories, and Hooyman M Premium Tree Saws. Smith & Wesson facilities are located in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, and Missouri. For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. More than five million members strong, NRA continues to uphold the Second Amendment and advocates enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the armed services. Be sure to follow the NRA on Facebook at NRA on Facebook and Twitter @NRA.

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