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**NWILED ANNOUNCES FIRST GENZ MEMORIAL INVESTMENT FUND AWARD**

HANOVER, IL – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) announced the first payout from the Genz Memorial Investment Fund to John Hudetz of getRVtours[.com](https://www.facebook.com/getVRtours/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWtz_Kr83mj9OZK7MZ4YnVQpydrui6uP-eQ3Rn5tGv6ydAJ27ZOn6MzHv-ESr77owZ5tPxZmDGjih8c0Zht1byHlcoPvBbsuZZsmgozQTMPg4ZyYsJmb-VBKaKA6jsX5pJEKyy_oE3Y5y0XC9-wrscG4TwMF6ShQI2kwu7Fmr5Kq5qBrc9D-J6qR8syDb6uOd8&__tn__=kK-R) totaling $6,450 on August 31st. Hudetz’s business provides photographic services including drone photography. Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is a major client as well as several area realtors. He will use his award to purchase a new computer workstation and drone.

Of Hudetz’s award NWILED Board of Directors Chairman William Jahnke stated, “On behalf of the entire Board of NWILED, we want to congratulate John Hudetz on being the first recipient of the Genz Trust Small Business award. John will be using the funds to assist in the financing of his new business getRVtours. John has a website at getvrtours.com and has been developing numerous customers for his services. We all wish John success in his new venture.”

NWILED intends to fund three awards per year that range from $4,000 to $8,000 each. Awardees can use the money for capital purchases, to purchase an existing business, or for startup and pilot projects.

To learn more or to apply, connect with NWILED. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. A Spanish-language application is available.

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