



Central DuPage Hospital Nomination for Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Business Category

Central DuPage Hospital has been a long-standing partner with us, The Wheaton Park District. This partnership has greatly benefited, not only our agency, but also the community as a whole.

Examples of this partnership include Central DuPage Hospital's annual support of our Summer Camp program, our Cosley Zoo 5K/10K Run, community health fairs, breast cancer walk and a two-year long campaign, titled Family Fitness Challenge. The Family Fitness campaign was a collective effort, which was developed to educate and motivate families on the importance of healthy eating and physical activity.

Central DuPage Hospital's commitment to the Wheaton community has now expanded into our Scholarship Program. This fee assistance program provides assistance to families that cannot afford to enroll in our programs due to financial hardship. This contribution has recently begun in the latter part of 2010 and is expected to continue on an annual basis.

Central DuPage Hospital is deserving of the Best Friend of Illinois Parks award because they have contributed to the community through monetary means, in-kind donations, as well as providing professional staffing and or physicians to participate in various community events.

A friend can be described as an ally, companion, supporter, colleague, aid and partner. Central DuPage Hospital has been our communities ally in providing preventative care, a companion in relaying important health messages, supporter in providing funding to help park districts carry out programs and events, a colleague in bringing innovative programs and education to the community and a partner in seeing these projects through to completion.

Our nomination for Central Dupage Hospital comes because of their demonstration of true partnership to the Wheaton community through their ongoing efforts and support to provide education on the importance of preventative care.

We are hopeful that Central DuPage Hospital will be named the Best Friend of Illinois Parks.