



CMF Blast E-Newsletter

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Save the Date

Save the date for CMF's Challenge Grant and Award Celebration on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Marriott in Burr Ridge.

The Celebration will begin at 4:30 PM with a reception and will include an award presentation at 5:30 PM.

More details about the event will be forthcoming in your invitation to the event.

Kick-off Celebration!

On October 20th, a kick-off celebration was held at Community Nurse Health Association to launch the opening of the Community Healthcare Network of the Western Suburbs, a local partnership dedicated to accessible healthcare.

Attendees included:



John Madden, CMF Vice Chair

Dear CMF Partners,

We hope 2010 is off to a good start! As your partner, we know that 2009 was a very challenging year for all of us.

Many organizations were faced with numerous challenges and difficult decisions. Despite this painful reality, you persevered, demonstrating amazing resilience, determination and creativity. And because of your efforts, the people of our communities continue to receive affordable healthcare, mental health counseling, case management, nutritious food, transitional housing, and many other essential human services.

Community Memorial Foundation has been proud to work with you. Our continued partnership has resulted in a number of accomplishments, including the launch of the Community Healthcare Network of the Western Suburbs, a local collaboration dedicated to accessible healthcare for adults, and the groundbreaking of the Senior Housing site on Joliet Road in Countryside. The ACCESS Community Health Network site in Summit (Des Plaines Valley Health Center) underwent significant expansion, and the West Suburban Center on Aging in La Grange acquired a new identity - Aging Care Connections. The Northern Illinois Food Bank efficiently used the resources of multiple local agencies in order to provide food to individuals and families. The Wheaton-based Spectrios Institute for Low Vision opened a satellite site at Plymouth Place Senior Living in LaGrange Park. And, the Village of Summit was designated a Weed and Seed community under the U.S. Department of Justice.

Through CMF's Building Organizational Effectiveness (BOE) Initiative, we celebrated another Annual Fund Challenge, resulting in a four year total of more than \$5 million new or increased dollars infused into our

2009, and Jim Durkin, Assistant Minority Leader, Illinois House of Representatives



Jim Durkin, CMF President, and Dr. Ken Nelson, Volunteer Medical Director at Community Nurse Health Association



Jeff Simmons, CMF Board Vice-Chair/Treasurer, Allyson Zak, CMF Board Chair 2009, and Angela Curran, Executive Director of Community Nurse Health Association

communities, launched a new organizational assessment tool, and offered successful workshops and presentations. Based on your survey feedback, CMF also introduced a fund development challenge grant focused on matching new and increased gifts at year-end, which will culminate in a celebration on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 beginning at 4:30 PM at the Marriott in Burr Ridge.

As we look forward to the celebration in February and a new year filled with renewed hope and continued partnership, we thank you for all that you and your organizations do to make a difference in our communities. Here's to a healthy and courageous 2010!

Sincerely,

Gale Christoff, Greg DiDomenico, Jim Durkin, Tom Fuechtmann, Deb Kustra, and Nanette Silva

Check It Out.....

Visit CMF's revised website at www.cmfdn.org. Our goal is to be more interactive with you through the site and to increase efficient communication with you. We welcome your feedback.

Welcome New CMF Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Allyson Zak, (pictured above) outgoing CMF Board Chair, passed the gavel to incoming Chair, Deborah Daro, Ph.D. (pictured, right) and inducted Jeffery Simmons (pictured above) as Vice-Chair/Treasurer at Community Memorial Foundation's Annual Meeting on December 3, 2009. Dr. Daro has been on the board since 2007. She is a Research Fellow (Associate Professor) at Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Mr. Simmons joined the board in January 2008, and is managing partner of Dearborn Partners.



Heartfelt thanks to Allyson Zak for her five years of dedicated service as Chair of the Board. Ms. Zak will continue to serve as a member of the board through December 2012.

Silver Willow Senior Residences of Lyons Township



Countryside Senior Apartments
June 4, 2008 #281 853 0001/18/2008
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402-11-1227
Chris Johnson, Director of
Housing, 2008
August 1, 2008

The above rendition of the future Silver Willow Senior Residences of Lyons Township at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside will have 70 affordable units serving adults who are 62 years plus and at various income levels. Groundbreaking on the building took place on September 12, 2009. For more information, call 708-246-0101.