

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION

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TO: Board Members
Superintendent Sally Pryor

FROM: Jim Blouch & Bernadette Tramm, Co-Chairs

DATE: December 8, 2008

RE: 2008 District 64 Employee Campaign for the Park Ridge Community Fund

It is our pleasure to report that District 64 employees have contributed \$11,771.01 to the 2008 campaign for the Park Ridge Community Fund. This is just slightly below last year's campaign and surpasses the \$11,000 goal set for this year. This year's theme was focused on the fund's 50th anniversary, which the committee believed was a "golden" opportunity to give thanks by contributing to the Fund in celebration of this milestone. It also is a year of great need, as the economic recession means that more community members than ever before will be turning for assistance to local social service agencies.

The campaign was conducted during three weeks in November, and included all employees as well as retired staff members who live locally. New this year, a separate silent auction (via e-mail) was conducted during the final week for a baseball autographed by 2008 Rookie of the Year Geovany Soto of the Chicago Cubs along with an attractive display case. In all, 358 employees and retirees contributed to the campaign, and we thank them for their generosity.

A major factor in the success of this year's campaign was the outreach of the building representatives, who organized informative, entertaining and heart-warming efforts customized for their locations: **Carpenter:** Vicki Volden; **Field:** Karen Brandenburg, Jane Everett and Patti Kisielius; **Franklin:** Lenore Franckowiak and Susan Rice; **Jefferson:** Kathy Hirsch and Sue Luif; **Roosevelt:** Sandy Christman and Janet Wiemerslage; **Washington:** Judy Donovan and Nicky Lohens; **Emerson:** Elaine Vlahakis-Loomos; **Lincoln:** Cathy Mayer and Sandi Osborne; and, **ESC:** Sylvia Gallo and Marianne Venetucci. We also would like to acknowledge the meticulous work of ESC Receptionist Jo Kearns as our bookkeeper and assistance from Payroll Coordinator Pat Maloney for processing deductions.

As incentives to participate, a separate drawing at each building was held for a full day off from work, to be covered by the building principals and ESC administrators. Members of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce – and the Chamber itself – also supported the campaign by contributing awards for a separate District-wide incentive raffle: Hyatt Rosemont; Holiday Inn Chicago O'Hare; Chicago Marriott O'Hare; Outback Steakhouse; Hay Caramba; Noodles & Co.; and, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. We thank these local businesses and our administrators for their gracious support.

We are very proud of District 64 employees and retirees for responding with generosity and compassion to the human needs of local residents that are met through the agencies supported by the Park Ridge Community Fund.