



2017 Lyle E. Oncken Community Service Award Recipient Selected

After 28 years as Executive Director of TriCity Family Services, Jim Otepka is retiring. Jim's leadership and inspiration have changed thousands of individuals' lives. At their March 27th board meeting, the INC Board voted to award the 2017 Lyle E. Oncken Community Service Award to Jim Otepka for a lifetime of selfless servant leadership in the mental health sector that has truly left an indelible impact. If you see Jim before he retires, please congratulate him!



Kaneland Community Partners for Healthy Youth Coalition

Approximately 25 community members attended the recent Town Forum on Teen Substance Use sponsored by the Kaneland Community Partners for Healthy Youth Coalition. The Forum was hosted by the Town and Country Library in Elburn. Speakers presenting a variety of perspectives on teen substance use were:

- Ron Jakusisin, Director for Program Development at the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health.
- Janelle McCornack, EMT/Biomedical Sciences Instructor
- Lee Roupas, Program Manager from the IL Liquor Control Commission
- Vicki Foley, President of Chris Walk Against Substance Abuse

Members of the coalition include: Conley Outreach Community Services, Kaneland High School, Town and Country Library, Kaneville Library, Village Bible Church, Open Door Health Center and Breaking Free. For more information contact Sofia Zubairi at szubairi@breakingfreeinc.org.



Receiving the award is Board President, Terry Lanthrum, Dr. Blacksmith and Executive Director, Jerry Murphy

Waubonsee Community College Recognizes INC Board

As Waubonsee celebrates their 50th anniversary, they have recognized many community partners who have contributed to and supported the growth of the college. At the INC Board of Directors meeting held on March 27, Dr. Lourdes Blacksmith, Director of Government and Community Engagement at Waubonsee Community College presented the INC Board with a recognition for INC's support of their students and its ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for local residents.

Volunteer Changes

After fourteen years of service as both a 708 Board member and INC Board member, Roxanne Burrs has opted to retire from the INC Board. Roxanne served as a Sugar Grove Township 708 Board Member from 2003 – 2015 and as an INC Board member from 2005 – 2017. We wholeheartedly thank her for all her hard work and I'm sure we will see you around when you are in town.

Her departure opens up an at-large vacancy on the INC Board. We also have an opportunity for a community volunteer from Blackberry Township to serve on the township 708 Board. If you have an interest in the mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder service system, contact Jerry Murphy 630-892-5456 or jerrym@incboard.org.

Faith Community Resource Fair

Aurora Cares Corporation is presenting a FREE Faith Community Resource Fair for all Clergy Members and Church Staff on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:30am-12:30pm at Presence Mercy Medical Center (Atrium & McAuley Room) 1325 N. Highland Avenue, Aurora, IL. Many community organizations will be doing presentations ([click here](#) for flyer). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Dalila Alegria at dalila@incboard.org.

Free Evening Advocacy Training in St. Charles Courtesy of Open Door Clinic

Help open doors for people living with HIV/AIDS by attending this free training April 13th at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. You will learn how to make your voice heard on issues including access to health care, HIV housing and more! Presented by AIDS

Foundation of Chicago, this training is vital if you are attending the Illinois Virtual Advocacy Day on April 26th or the Illinois Advocacy Day in Springfield on May 17th. Dinner will be provided. Registration required. More information available at <https://odhcil.org/event/advocacy-training-st-charles/>.

Disability Benefits Clinic

Prairie State Legal Services is able to answer questions about applying for SSI/SSDI and assist with the application process. The eligibility criteria includes having questions or need help with initial applications; meet Prairie State eligibility guidelines; have a documented disability that prevents you from working. To apply for services, please call 630.232.9415 and press "0" to speak with the receptionist.

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