

2007 BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AWARD

This is the first year for the Basic Human Needs Awards. The Foundation does not seek or accept nominations for this award. The award is made to one or more select organizations that have demonstrated exceptional effectiveness, innovation and/or creativity in addressing the most basic human challenges of hunger, homelessness and access to quality medical care. The Foundation's goal is to celebrate collaboration and encourage others to work together when thinking about solutions to persistent problems which exist within our community.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$60,000 to two groups: The Critical Time Intervention Representative Payee Program a collaboration of four agencies and HealthReach Clinic.

Critical Time Intervention Representative Payee Program is comprised of four collaborating agencies that came together to assist chronically homeless individuals in Lake County with permanent housing and intensive case management. CTI-RP integrates Critical Time Intervention (CTI) case management, Representative Payee (RP) services, and Permanent Housing to move chronically homeless individuals directly from the streets into consumer selected, low-demand scattered site apartments integrated in the community. The initiative coordinates primary care, mental health, substance abuse, and other existing community services through a multidisciplinary team approach. The organizations involved in this groundbreaking initiative are as follows:

- **Catholic Charities of Lake County**-The mission of Catholic Charities in Lake County, is to fulfill the Church's role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life.
- **PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Crisis Services** was founded in 1972 with the mission to end homelessness for families and individuals in Lake County. The agency provides street outreach, permanent supportive housing, case management, peer counseling, housing referral, advocacy and financial assistance.
- **Prairie State Legal Services** is the only agency providing free civil legal aid services in Lake County. In 2004, the Waukegan office provided legal advice or representation in over 2400 cases. With its headquarters in Rockford, PSLS serves clients in 36 Illinois counties through 11 branch offices. Prairie State Legal Services was established in 1977 with a mission to provide senior citizens and low-income clients with legal advice and representation to protect their basic human needs, including income, shelter, physical safety, and to address related legal problems.
- **I-PLUS (Independent Living Under Supervision)** is a community based, social service agency which has been coordinating Representative Payee and social and remedial treatment referral for over 350 individuals since 1995. All I-PLUS clients have long histories of chronic homelessness due to mental illness, drug/alcohol addictions, family dysfunction and violence related to unemployment or other issues. I-PLUS currently provides services to 192 clients.

HealthReach was organized in 1992 as a "free clinic" to provide access to health services for the medically underserved of Lake County. It is located in downtown Waukegan. In addition to offering primary medical care, it also offers on-site access to cardiology, pediatric, orthopedic, and podiatric specialists. Consultations and complex tests that cannot be offered at the facility are provided through agreements with local physicians and hospitals. Prescribed medications are also offered free or at greatly reduced costs. Its mission has been to improve community wellness by providing access to language appropriate, quality primary and specialty medical, pediatric dental and pharmaceutical services to the medically uninsured low income individuals and families in the community. In 2006, HealthReach merged and consolidated with the Mundelein Area Self Help Organization (Open Door Clinic). HealthReach is now the only free clinic in Lake County, IL.