

POC Newsletter

1585 N. Rand Road, Palatine, IL 60074

Fall/Winter
2016-2017

Building LEADERS in Our Community

*"At POC we tap into the basic human nature that most people want to help their neighbors. **Leaders** of all ages step up each day to mentor, volunteer where needed, collect donations, and offer to serve in many capacities. At this time in the State of Illinois when finances are insecure, we need to be more prepared on a local level to be more self-sufficient."* Kathy Millin



Congratulations to **Terri Kelly** Palatine Park District Volunteer of the Year! She is featured in this picture with her children, Katie and Ethan. Terri is the heart and soul of POC's Family Learning Lab!



Above: Here is Terri working with a group of senior citizens of Russian descent in the Family Learning Lab, which is supported by Palatine Township and other community donors. This group of educated seniors found a home with POC where they share knowledge of current events and history with each other. The Family Learning Lab is open 4 days a week and is a place where students and community members are tutored, join ESL conversation groups, use the computer or look for employment.

Palatine High School senior, **Erick Flores**, has participated in ICompete programs for ten years. Now, he is a valued staff member for the POC Community School. Erick's dream is to someday be a neurosurgeon. In this picture you see him pitching in to face paint at the United Way Thanksgiving dinner. This is typical Erick-jumping in to serve whenever and wherever. He is truly a **leader** in the community!!!



Below: You will find **Donna Epton**, POC ROLE member and community volunteer in Palatine in many capacities. At POC Donna donates essential healthy snacks for our after school programs and this year also took the time to educate us on voting. In addition to reading and discussing American

Citizenship and Government, it has given us an opportunity to talk about the changes from their native countries electoral process to that of the U.S. Our high school teens know that they can turn to Donna for advice on college scholarships as well as applications. Donna is a new **leader** for POC and she has quickly found a place in the heart of many!

POC Thanks Generous Holiday Supporters



POC's Behavioral Health Navigator, Liza Gutierrez decorating the Giving Tree with donations from community **leaders**.



Left: In November, **Denise Florczak**, Harper College teacher and POC volunteer tutor shared pumpkin pie with Learning Lab students and ROLE moms. For some this was their first taste of the American tradition. POC staff can always count on Denise for her **leadership** in all program areas.

Toys and mittens generously given from the following:

- Community Investment Council of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Palatine Bank & Trust
- Cornerstone Morning Committee Members
- Palatine Kiwanis Members
- Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist
- Palatine Jaycee Members
- Palatine Township
- Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary Club Members
- Shelter Inc. Staff
- Immanuel Lutheran School children and parents
- Sue Gould
- Janet Smith and her team at Harper College
- Gayle Neururer
- New Endeavors Students/Becca Macatangay
- United Way Women's Leadership Team



Decking the halls with the Myren family and members of Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist.

Upcoming POC Fundraisers 2017

Cinco de Mayo - May 4, 2017

Golf - TBA

Farm to Table - September 30, 2017

If you would like to volunteer, sponsor or contribute to these events, please contact

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(847) 776-9500.

2016 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all of our donors! As of January 31, 2017, we have raised \$35,000! With a goal of \$40,000 we are almost there. Have you given yet?

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