



Spring 2013  
Newsletter

# empowering ALL people Palatine Opportunity Center

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Cultivating Tomorrow's  
Philanthropic Spirit  
As of March . . .  
75 high school  
ICompete mentors  
46 high school students  
completed community  
service hours  
7 college volunteers in  
the Family Learning Lab

## Our Special Donors give not only precious resources but also their time and talent to *Help People to Help Themselves*

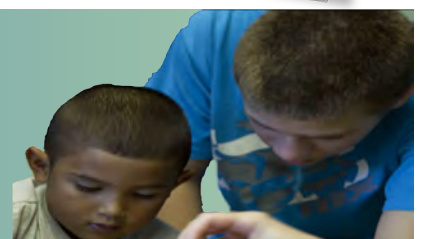
The Wetterman Family: Over the years, the entire Wetterman Family has empowered POC clients in many different ways. Bob has dedicated countless hours in helping people recognize their vocational passion and develop the essential skills to be able to be competitive in the work place. Julie serves as a mentor helping GED students and also organizes programs for the Edgebrook Community Center and serves as an active member of ROLE. Renata, a senior at Fremd, has been an active volunteer for health and wellness in the ICompete Summer Camp. This year she organized an event where teens from the community could choose from a selection of donated gowns for homecoming and prom. The youngest member of the Wetterman family is Gregor and he can be found each year working with his family at the PATH day of Giving and helping out at Edgebrook.

Debbie Rohrwasser  
Debbie began her volunteer experience at POC by serving on the first ICompete planning committee. She was instrumental in framing the mission of ICompete and has since helped support this popular program for at-risk youth. Debbie is also one the founding members of PATH and continues to work with this important outreach in helping serve the underprivileged in our community. In November 2012, PATH served over 1440 people through their Day of Giving. This year Debbie is serving as president of the Palatine Booster Club and has devoted countless hours to recruiting families of the Palatine Opportunity Center to become members.

Dr. John McGillin  
Dr. John McGillin has been volunteering in our community through Northwest Community Healthcare for almost 20 years. His goal is to help community members realize who they are and what they are capable of. Dr. McGillin empowers people by "helping them realize their value and their potential". He can be found at the POC during the week seeing patients in the Behavioral Health Clinic, tutoring at the Family Learning Lab and lecturing on help topics for POC clients.



**Help us fulfill our mission of  
building a community of empowered people,  
healthy families and vibrant neighborhood  
by donating online at  
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A message from Dr. Robert Small,  
Chair of Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser and POC Board Member

"Join us for a unique, fun opportunity to support and learn about the POC. with our annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser.

This will be the 10th year we celebrate Cinco de Mayo and each year the event has grown.

Join us at the Falcon Park Recreation Center on Thursday, May 2nd between 5:00 and 8:00 PM.

The festivities include food, cash bar, music, raffles, ethnic dancing, and games. This year, the Masters of Ceremony will be the Principal of Fremd High School, Lisa Small, the Principal of Palatine High School, Gary Steiger and the Superintendent of District 15, Scott Thompson".

Please consider purchasing a \$30 ticket or become an event sponsor. Each sponsorship levels provides for Cinco de Mayo tickets and select advertisement. All proceeds support the POC., a 501c3 organization. For sponsorship or tickets contact Kathy Millin at 847-776-9500 X 222 or email palatineopportunitycenter@gmail.com.



Platinum Level of \$2,500 provides services for one month to over 150 people at the Family Learning Lab through parenting classes, computer and financial literacy, employment assistance and childcare. Sponsors will receive 10 event tickets, 1 page ad in the event program and prominent banner placement.



Gold Level of \$1,000 provides for after school homework assistance, youth clubs, parenting classes, computer literacy, summer fun and more for nearly 200 people for one month at the Edgebrook Center. Sponsors will receive 6 event tickets, 1/2 page ad in the event program and banner placement at the event.



Silver Level of \$500 provides transportation for a summer camp adventure for 60 low-income children through ICompete. Sponsors will receive 4 event tickets, 1/4 page ad in the event program banner placement at the event.



Bronze Level of \$250 helps fulfill the mission of ROLE of opening a world of possibilities by investing time and talents into the lives of women in need and helps them pay it forward. Over 70 women are currently active in ROLE. Sponsors will receive 2 event tickets and mention in the event program.



From left, POC Board members, Karen Baker of Northwest Community Healthcare, Dr. Robert Small of Conant High School, POC Director Kathy Millin, and Pastor Seth Moland-Kovash of

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our star sponsors who have supported the POC Mission through Cinco de Mayo Sponsorships since 2007!



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## Busy Times at POC!

- March 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) at 10 am to 2 pm: Sow a Seed for Roots Community Garden.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 11 am: Lunch and Learn
- April 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) from 9 am to 2 pm: POC's Biannual Artisan's Market.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm: POC's Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser
- May 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday): ROLE's Annual Tea.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9am: Roots Community Garden's First Planting of the Season

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