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# ROLE Call

Reaching Out Lifting to Excellence

## Celebrating All That Is Feminine (CATIF)

Each summer CATIF puts together a family block party in downtown Palatine. For the second year in a row, CATIF has selected ROLE as a recipient of their proceeds. The members of CATIF are local businesswomen and professionals, role models in their community who have a passion for helping grass roots community programs such as ROLE. This year ROLE members, (pictured above from left) Ashley, Xochitl, Ceci, Elisa, Lena and Kathy, volunteered setting up and working the very popular dunk tank and bouncy house.

Families enjoyed a wonderful day of games, music and food put together by the awesome ladies of CATIF. The event was also the second ROLE event for our new member, Ashley. Ashley hit the ground "rolling" with her first event in August where she was the guest speaker at ROLE's Back to School Lunch. A make-up artist, Ashley taught us the ins and outs of make-up, and gave us secret tips to highlighting our own beauty attributes.

We are thrilled to welcome Ashley to ROLE!



## ROLE's Artisan Market featuring *Ann's Closet*



Once again our artisan's have gathered to share their arts and crafts, raise funds for ROLE and have a great time! This year's event will take place on **Thursday, November 19, 2015** from 9am to 2 pm.

Back by popular demand is *Ann's Closet*.

Find new, unique clothing and accessories from local boutiques at a fraction of the cost. Our artisan's market is the perfect opportunity to shop for unique holiday gifts while supporting ROLE. Drop in for cookies and cider, and meet some of ROLE's crafty ladies. And, if you have a craft that you would like to sell contact us at [Palatineopportunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:Palatineopportunitycenter@gmail.com).

Join us for **Crochet n' Chat** & learn how to make a granny square blanket! Mondays in October. 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Childcare provided. Sign up at POC's front desk.



## ROLE Models get Job Promotions

As many of you know, the Community Resource Center (CRC) on Rand Rd. in Palatine has been the home of the POC for many years. While the CRC site continues to be the headquarters of the POC, the board of directors has voted to expand POC's programs to other communities. Among its many projects, the POC will be expanding its services to include staff at the **Higgins Education Center (HEC) in Hoffman Estates**. POC will also have staff present at the **Winston Campus Community School (WCCS) in Palatine**. We are excited to announce that as a result of POC's growth, many of our ROLE volunteers and POC staff who understand community needs and the inner workings of a non-for-profit, will be receiving job promotions to help at the new sites.

- Meagan Murphy of ICOMPETE and the local park district will be the new POC Program Assistant at the CRC
- Courtney Renwick, ROLE volunteer and WINGS is currently the intern with POC and will be interning as the HEC site director
- Ceci Robles for POC will be the front desk receptionist at HEC
- Cristina Correa of ICOMPETE will be the Site Facilitator at WCCS
- Rachel Lara of ICOMPETE will be Assistant Site Facilitator at WCCS
- Terry Kelly of the POC Learning Lab and Lori Laskowske of Roots Community Garden will be Program Supervisors at WCCS
- Ana Flores and Violeta Solano, our Promotoras de Salud (community health workers), will be the Bilingual Parent Liaisons at WCCS



*Above: Courtney R. and Megan M. working discussing ROLE programs at our new sites .*

In addition, a ROLE Advisory Team has been formed to advise on programs needed and to support the new community school. Thank you to all of our ROLE members who have joined this team to help us bring useful information and programs to the WCCS and HEC. Congratulations to our ROLE members who have stepped up to help POC grow and represent ROLE in their new "roles".

## Welcome District 211 students!

Thanks to the diligent work of our ROLE member Nancy Grybash, the POC is proud to welcome the District 211 Adult Transitions Program student workers. Along with Diane Darrah, the job coach, students work at the POC in various job capacities such as clerical assistance, assisting in child care, general maintenance, some tutoring and data entry. The program fosters appropriate work skills and independence so students may find gainful employment once they exit the ATP program. You'll find the student workers in the front wing of the POC.



### Our Mission

*To open a world of possibilities by investing time and talents into the lives of women in need and to help them pay it forward.*

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