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Dear Friend of Des Plaines,

It is that time of year again when we hold our one and only annual fundraiser that supports our life changing activities for an entire year. This year's event will take place on **Friday, September 6, 2019, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Cube**, located in the **Des Plaines Rivers Casino**. Entertainment by the popular Des Plaines band, 7th Heaven. Proceeds from this event will allow the Foundation to continue its mission to better the quality of life for people who live and work in Des Plaines. This includes providing a safe environment for local youth through after-school programs and assistance for senior citizens and people with special needs. Because we operate with no paid employees, you can be assured that your support is used directly to benefit those who need it most. *For every \$1.00 we receive in support, we provide \$12.00 in services to residents.*

Here are a few things our volunteers and your support enable us to do each and every year;

- ◆ With your help, we provide Thanksgiving dinner to more than 200 homebound residents in Des Plaines (people in wheelchairs, on oxygen, etc.).
- ◆ Provide special-education students with real-life carpentry experience that learn and build wheelchair ramps to assist Des Plaines elderly and disabled residents needing accesses to life saving/changing services. Since 1997 *this program has resulted in construction of 45 ramps and 100's of real life jobs and work experience to non-college bound high school students.*
- ◆ Provided \$8,500 in college scholarships to Des Plaines residents.
- ◆ Provided 600+ seniors and disabled people with transportation to medical appointments.
- ◆ Through the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors hotline*, we have assisted seniors with light housekeeping, lawn maintenance and snow shoveling services.
- ◆ Provided labor for minor home repairs to low-income and disabled residents.
- ◆ Donated thousands of dollars (and time) to various local scholarships, youth/senior focused groups, food pantries and other community groups in the area.

I could go on and on about all the Foundation does for Des Plaines, but we could not do it without YOU and your support. We are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit that relies on this one fundraiser each year to help us serve those in need in Des Plaines. Please help us by either purchasing tickets to the event (\$85 per person includes appetizers, dinner and open bar) or by making a fully tax deductible donation by becoming an event sponsor or donating a gift for the auction. Please send your support to the Des Plaines Community Foundation, 1420 Miner St Room 402A, Des Plaines, IL 60016. www.desplainescommunityfoundation.org. With your support, we will continue to do our good work! Should you have any questions, please contact me at rosemaryargus@aol.com or at 1-847-525-5566. Please join us at our event!

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