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## Waukegan Park District raises \$3,700 for Habitat for Humanity Home in Waukegan



**Waukegan Park District Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Dumas, second from left, presents a check for \$3,700 to Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Julie Donovan, along with Waukegan firefighter Justin Johnson, left, and Fire Marshal Bryan LaManna with his two children.**

*Courtesy of the Waukegan Park District*

On June 15, the Waukegan Park District presented a check for \$3,700 to Habitat for Humanity Lake County for a home in Waukegan. The funds were raised at a hockey match on April 22 between the Waukegan and Gurnee Fire Departments.

Held at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie, the Gurnee Fire Department bested Waukegan 4-to-1, but everyone was a winner by funding this worthwhile effort while having fun.

The hockey match was the first sponsored by the Waukegan Park District. Recreation Supervisor Jen Dumas thought the match would be fun for both communities and, at the same time, help a family that needed better housing.

"The partnership between the Waukegan Park District, Waukegan Fire Department, Gurnee Fire Department, and Habitat for Humanity Lake County was an excellent collaboration to support a great cause," Dumas said. "I am truly thankful to each organization for their enthusiasm and teamwork in making this year's Charity Hockey Match a success."

Julie Donovan, executive director, was delighted that Habitat for Humanity was selected as beneficiary for the event.

"Not only will every dollar raised directly help the family who will move into the house, but the hockey match was a blast," Donovan said.

Staff members and partner families attended the event and enjoyed seeing the communities come together to have fun. The funds raised from the hockey match arrived just in time for the driveway to be installed.

Joy Brown and her children will move into her house as soon as it is done. She will enjoy driving up her driveway after her shifts at VISTA hospital.

Habitat Partner Families spend a year completing 500 hours of "sweat equity" by building their future homes, working at the Habitat ReStore, attending budgeting classes and completing Habitat's Education Program.

They purchase their homes through a no-interest mortgage with Habitat for Humanity. The result is permanent, affordable homeownership and stronger communities.

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