

WORKING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

Thank you to all who responded to our 2007 Nicor Community Issues and Priorities Survey. We appreciate the valuable information you have provided on the issues you feel are most important to your community.

Building better communities is central to the way we do business at Nicor. Whether through volunteer activities, scholarship programs or financial donations to local charities, we take this commitment very seriously. It not only enriches the communities we serve – your communities – but also affects the lives of people in a very positive way. To that end, we are pleased to share our 2007 giving results, which benefited more than 1,200 worthy causes.

Nicor volunteers lend a hand at United Cerebral Palsy in Joliet, a United Way agency, as part of our annual Volunteer Day.



BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF OUR 2007 PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES:

- **Nicor's Volunteer Day** – 2007 marked another successful Volunteer Day, with nearly 1,000 employees, family members, elected officials and community members participating in 28 projects in 21 northern Illinois communities.
- **United Way** – The company and its employees donated \$969,041 to United Way. Nicor has ranked in the top 50 of Chicago corporate donors for the past 16 years.
- **March of Dimes** – More than 300 Nicor employees and family members laced up their tennis shoes for the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica and raised more than \$43,500 (including the company match) in donations to help save babies.
- **Nicor Gas Sharing Program** – Together Nicor Gas, its employees and customers helped keep people warm by contributing more than \$271,629 to the Sharing Program, a home heating assistance program that helped more than 1,922 customers in 2007.
- **Matching Gift & Volunteer in Partnership Grants** – Nicor employees utilized the company's Matching Gift program to generate a combined \$110,960 in donations to support various local and national non-profit organizations. And, Nicor gave \$21,500 in Volunteer in Partnership grants in support of its employee volunteer efforts.
- **Chicagovolunteer.net** – Nicor is the founding sponsor of Community Resource Network's chicagovolunteer.net, a Web site that brings together volunteers with more than 3,300 volunteer opportunities posted each day. With Nicor's support, the Web site received more than 877,122 visits in 2007.
- **Adventures in Reading with Nicor** – Adventures in Reading with Nicor is a program designed to foster a lifelong love of reading among children in grades K-3. We partner with the schools and Reading is Fundamental to provide free books and motivational activities, along with professional development training for teachers and special coaching sessions for parents. During the 2006-2007 school year, we gave away more than 4,600 books to students at two schools and encouraged them to read more than 43,000 books.

Nicor Gas is proud to be a founding sponsor of Illinois Dollars for Scholars.

Since 1997, Nicor Gas has granted more than \$283,500 in incentive grants to help establish Dollars for Scholars chapters in Illinois. As a result, Nicor Gas chapters have raised more than \$6.3 million and have distributed \$2.79 million to over 3,110 students.

Recently, Scholarship America honored Nicor Gas with its National Trustees Award, given annually to an organization exemplifying outstanding support for education through corporate-sponsored scholarship programs.

Award presentation for Lincolnland Legends, one of the Dollars for Scholars-funded scholarship programs.



We are committed to maintaining communications with you and want to hear your thoughts about this informational brochure, our giving efforts, or anything that's on your mind related to Nicor's involvement in the community. Please use this form to ask questions, make recommendations and provide updated contact information. You may also send your feedback to us at corpcom@nicor.com.

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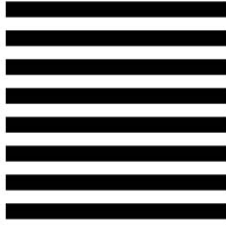
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Watch for more news from Nicor!
We look forward to communicating
with you later this year about our
educational initiatives.

HOW TO CONTACT NICOR

Nicor has **Community Relations Directors** that represent every community we serve. To get in touch with the director for your community, please contact Margi Schiemann at 630 388-2689.

For more information on Nicor's **philanthropic outreach** in your community, please contact Julian Brown at 630 388-2763.

For **State Governmental Relations**, contact Scott Lewis at 630 388-3147.

To reach our **Customer Care Center**, please call 1 888 Nicor4u.

For our **guidelines on grants and donations**, visit nicor.com and click on "Nicor in the Community."



This publication is intended as part of an ongoing dialogue between Nicor and the business and community leaders and other stakeholders whose opinions we value. Periodically, we will issue this publication to address topics that you identified as important during our most recent Nicor Community Issues and Priorities Survey.

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