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## United Airlines EcoSkies Grant

**We've been funded to create a garden for the clients of Envision Unlimited**

The United Airlines Foundation awarded five Eco-Skies Community Grants nationwide to support employee-sponsored environmental service projects to help protect or enhance the environment in the communities where we live and work. The organizations that received grants include Sadiq Garden (Missouri), Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Ohio), Heal the Bay (California), Sweet Virginia (Virginia), and Envision Unlimited (Illinois - [Uptown](#)).

**North Uptown Neighbors Association (NUNA) members worked to secure this grant for Envision Unlimited.**

Envision's Kathryn Kruger Center It is located 4919 N. Clark Street and serves ten seniors with developmental disabilities and 17 adults with autism. Our objective is to transform the Center's outdoor space from an unwelcoming asphalt pad into a vibrant green space for both clients and community members to enjoy. The grant value is five thousand dollars. Envision Unlimited is a non-profit human services provider, that has been operating in the City of Chicago continuously since 1964.

Envision enhances the lives and expands the future for 1,200 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities across all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

### **The Envision Project**

- Elizabeth Lindau, NUNA Vice President who was familiar with Envision's desire to improve their facility developed the project plan and will act as project manager.
- Seven United Airlines employees who are NUNA members (Jackie Denofrio, Michael O'Gara, and Jimmy Sanders) and close neighbors (Jack Quinones, David Friedland, Mike Oslansky, and John Kirchberg) sponsored the United Airlines Eco-Skies Grant securing the funding.
- NUNA member Margot is dedicated to bringing together NUNA members, friends, and her business associates to plant the flowers and shrubs. [Alderman Pawar](#) would like to join us to plant.

Thank you NUNA members and friends! Our Envision neighbors are excited for the opportunity. We are targeting a September completion date. Stay tuned for more news from Elizabeth Lindau who will manage this project with Envision. This is a great example of a community effort to make things happen.

## **Argyle / Broadway Parkway Project**

### **Work continues to transform this weedy area into a new garden**

NUNA members developed a plan to improve the parkway located on the north side of Argyle west of Broadway (next to New Saigon Restaurant). Uptown Accounting and Financial-Raymond Tu, CPA located at 5012 N Broadway provided funding (one thousand dollars). NUNA will complete the project with new shrubs and flowers for all to enjoy. To date, NUNA has planted red flowers in the two small parkway plots. The large plots are under construction due to the condition of the soil (many rocks and litter). You may have seen our members working in the large plots over the past few weeks. Thanks to all of you who have so diligently supported this project. Please us join if you can as more work to be done in the next two weeks to complete the project.

## **Bezazian Library Gardens**

### **A beautiful garden with a lovely new sign**

The corner parkway at Bezazian is a joy for all neighbors. Thanks to Joy Noven, David Finkel, Margot Gordon, and John Vanover for planting and maintaining the garden. Special thanks to Gwendolyn for creating the beautiful "Gardens by NUNA"

sign located in the Bezazian corner parkway. We hope to see more signs by Gwendolyn. If any other children are interested in making signs for the parkways please let us know.

# Block Club Party

## We are thankful!

Sunshine, good food, drink, and great participation complemented by raffle prizes, arts and crafts, bouncy house and hands-on demonstrations. Thanks to all for making our party successful. What more could we ask for?

A special "shout out" to Jim Sakola, NUNA Chair of our Annual Block Club Party.

Special thanks to our Chicago Police and Fire Department representatives for joining us and giving our children the opportunity to see and touch the equipment (fire engine and police vehicle) used to keep our community safe. We all enjoyed their participation in our event. Jim Sakola and Sean Hayes organized their participation.

We are thankful for the many raffle prizes secured by Lisa Decker Huge, Joy Noven and LuAnn Toy and Jackie Denofrio. The businesses in our area who contributed to our party include Furama, Tank Noodle, Crew, Lao Sze Chaun, and Uptown Bikes.

Thanks all who contributed to our Sarah's Circle toiletry drive lead by Margot Gordon. In addition, special thanks to Robin Terusaki a friend of NUNA who contributed the produce to be sold with proceeds going to Sarah's Circle.

Our Membership Drive was successful. Thanks to Emily Stewart, Lu Ann Toy, and Elizabeth Lindau for staffing our membership table. We welcomed new members and existing members renewed memberships for the coming year. If you did not have a chance to pay dues at the Block Club Party, please contact us at [nunablockclub@gmail.com](mailto:nunablockclub@gmail.com) and we can arrange to secure your dues (\$10).

Set-up and Clean-up Crew - We could not do this without you! Everyone helped, but special thanks to Luis, LuAnn, Joe D. Joe K Jr., Jim S., John V., Andy H., Kathy S., and Mich I.



## CAPS report

Thanks to Sean Sheridan for Chairing our Safety Committee and diligently communicating, any information shared at the monthly meetings held at the Bezazian Library. The next CAPS meeting is October 1 at 7pm.

Sean's notes from the last CAPs meeting held Wednesday August 8. I asked for "We call the police" signs and our representative will be arranging with me to drop them off in the next week or two.

Top five Crimes from June 4, 2014 - August 6, 2014 on our beat 2033

1. Theft 12
2. Battery 11
3. Criminal Damage 7
4. Narcotics 6
5. Burglary 5

22 arrests during the period including drinking in public and urinating in public  
3 robberies - 1 cell phone and 2 in businesses (1 used a knife and the others had handguns)

Counterfeit currency is being passed to businesses in the neighborhood. Be careful of the change you receive!

# Special Event Argyle Night Market

## Join us to hear your neighbor perform with her band

Come see NUNA Vice President Elizabeth Lindau perform with her band Canasta at the Argyle Night Market on Thursday, August 14th, 2014 @ Sheridan Rd. & Argyle St. (Chicago, IL). The Argyle Market is a free "farmer's market" and local food vendor weekly event that starts at 5pm and runs until 9 pm each Thursday night. Canasta will perform at 6pm. If folks would like to walk over together, you can meet at the southeast corner of Magnolia and Argyle at 5:50 pm.

## NUNA website

Thanks again to Anne Howard and John Hanover for setting up our new website and keeping it current. Please check it out at [www.nunablockclub.com](http://www.nunablockclub.com)!

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