



Chicago Health Heroes at Work event focuses on the current state of health in Chicago

Elkay Manufacturing, S&C Electric, Network Service Company, State of Illinois Employee Combined Appeal, and Echo Global Logistics honored for building stronger, healthier communities

Washington, DC (March 10, 2017) – This week, Community Health Charities convened more than 100 business, government, and charity leaders at the Metropolitan Club to discuss the current state of health in Chicago, pending health policy changes from the incoming administration, and how to work together to solve community challenges and improve children’s health and well-being. The 2017 Chicago Health Heroes at Work winners were also recognized for building stronger, healthier communities.

“Public health and public safety are the critical legacy responsibilities for Cook County,” said President Toni Preckwinkle. “Our employees are hard at work every day striving to make our communities safer, our residents healthier and our governmental processes more efficient. I was grateful for the opportunity to help celebrate Health Heroes and learn more about the good work they do and how we might encourage similar involvement by Cook County.”

Event speakers included:

- **Honorable Toni Preckwinkle**, President of the Cook County Board
- **Kevin Ryan**, President and CEO of Covenant House International
- **Kerry Finnegan**, Senior Partner at Mercer Health & Benefits; Chair of the Board for Community Health Charities
- **Steve Bertrand**, host of The Business Lunch on WGN Radio and owner of Steve Bertrand Travel; event emcee
- **Harold D. Samorian, Jr.**, Chief Member Engagement Officer, Community Health Charities

“Employee health and wellness are now well established as vital to business success,” said Kerry Finnegan, senior partner at Mercer Health and Wealth and chair of the board for Community Health Charities, “but, of course, even more valuable to all of us as individuals and for our families. Today, our award winners, in their partnership with Community Health Charities, demonstrated the energy and impact that employers can make possible by providing colleagues with the opportunity to effectively commit to a cause that matters to them personally.”

The 2017 Chicago Health Heroes at Work also were honored for their work improving employee and community health.

Large Business of the Year Nominees:

- Allscripts
- Argonne
- BCBS Financial
- **Elkay Manufacturing***

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- Underwriters Laboratories

Small Business of the Year Nominees:

- Chamberlain Group
- Echo Global Logistics
- Gold Eagle
- **Network Services Company***
- Peer Bearing
- **S&C Electric Company***

Government Partner of the Year nominees:

- City of Chicago
- DuPage County
- Lake County
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation
- **State of Illinois (SECA)***

New partner of the year: Echo Global Logistics*

*Winner

Community Health Charities also honored individual volunteers.

About Community Health Charities

Community Health Charities raises awareness and resources for health by connecting the top health nonprofits with caring supporters and businesses through health and wellness programs, employee engagement, workplace campaigns and strategic partnerships. Over the past five years, Community Health Charities has raised more than \$400 million to support the nearly 2,000 health charities in our network. For more information about Community Health Charities, visit healthcharities.org, follow @HealthCharities on Twitter, or call 1-800-654-0845.

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