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**Glenview Park District and the Grove Heritage Association
Win Partnership Award**

GLENVIEW, Ill., Oct. 24 – The Glenview Park District and the Grove Heritage Association were among statewide award winners recognized on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Illinois Association of Park District’s *2016 Best of the Best Awards Gala* held at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

They were one of four entities to win in the Partnership category. According to the Illinois Association of Park Districts' website, this category, “recognizes non-governmental organizations (churches, YMCAs, foundations, associations, non-for-profits, corporations, etc.) that have collaborated with a park district, forest preserve, conservation, recreation or special recreation agency in a significant manner, thereby enabling the public agency to initiate a major capital improvement program, or pursue a campaign, initiative or project that enhanced residents' quality of life and would not have been achievable without this partnership.”

For over forty years, the Grove Heritage Association, a non-profit citizen’s support group, in partnership with the park district, has generated millions of dollars to benefit The Grove National Historic Landmark through land acquisition, facility construction, special events and

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membership initiatives. Most recently, the Grove Heritage Association has contributed substantial financial support toward two very important projects: The Grove Archives Building addition and the acquisition of a 1.19-acre parcel of land adjacent to The Grove, which the association provided \$239,000 for the purchase.

“It has been a privilege to be a part of this partnership for 38 years. From where I sit it’s been an almost perfect partnership that has advanced the goals and objectives of The Grove’s site,” said Steve Swanson, Director of The Grove. “The partnership works so well due to the park district’s willingness to seek out and utilize the public’s input as to their vision for The Grove. With everyone in the partnership being such team players, you can only have success.”

The Illinois Association of Park District winners were selected from among hundreds of entries submitted in this statewide competition that recognizes park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation, and special recreation agencies. A list of winners can be found online at www.ilparks.org/resource/resmgr/gala/2016_winners.pdf.

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About the Glenview Park District

The Glenview Park District serves over 50,000 residents including all of Glenview and Golf, small portions of Niles, Northbrook, Northfield and Skokie, and unincorporated areas beyond the village limits. The District owns, maintains and operates more than 845 acres. Connect with us at www.glenviewparks.org.

About The Grove

The Grove National Historic Landmark is a 145 acre nature preserve and public museum owned and operated by the Glenview Park District. Home to visionary horticulturalist and educator Dr. John Kennicott who settled on this land in 1836, and son Robert, a noted naturalist, The Grove was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1976. It is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Grove is a partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Chicago Wilderness.

The Grove offers educational, environmental and historical enrichment. The Interpretive Center and the grounds are open to the public year-round, with self-guided trails throughout the property. The Kennicott House, Log Cabin, One-Room School house and Native American Longhouse are open to the public seasonally.