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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANT ANNOUNCED

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Gurnee—The Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Lake County has released an updated version of its annual grant for 2010-2011.

The Foundation, made up of the Gurnee Breakfast, Gurnee Noon, Grayslake, North Chicago, Round Lake, LMV (Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills) and Waukegan Exchange Clubs, has contributed over \$140,000 to local agencies and organizations that work to prevent child abuse.

“Our belief is that the Exchange Club Foundation can have its greatest impact in the community if we support programs that have a good track record and focus on specific areas of prevention that truly make a difference in peoples lives,” said Adam Krieger, the past-president and grant chairperson. Krieger noted that the current grant criteria is supported by research on the best practices in abuse prevention.

The new grant criteria focuses largely on parent education programs, particularly programs that reach out to stressed and isolated parents, and public education on child abuse prevention. “In my personal experience as an ER physician, I have noticed that parenting skills is the primary need in education in Lake County,” said Foundation president Dr. Mike Oster. Confirmed by much of the literature from such organizations as Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, a lack of parenting skills and knowledge of child development leaves many parents feeling stressed and desperate.

For copy of the grant go to www.lincolnlandexchange.com. Any additional questions can be forwarded to Adam Krieger at 847-244-1101 ext. 401.

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