

# BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

## Giving back to the community

Nicor is privileged to serve more than two million customers in northern Illinois, and we believe in giving back to the community and contributing to its well-being. It's why we've been a major contributor to United Way for our entire 55-year history and why we encourage our employees to embrace volunteerism. "Giving back to the communities we serve is a fundamental part of Nicor's corporate values, so we are pleased to work hand-in-hand with friends and neighbors to make our communities better places to live," said Russ Strobel, Nicor's chairman, president and chief executive officer.



Community members help plant flowers in Worth as part of Nicor's 13th annual Volunteer Day on May 16.

## This past spring, we continued this tradition of giving back with events that drew record numbers of volunteers and that made a difference for many worthwhile organizations.

Nicor began supporting March of Dimes in 1986, with a small team of walkers who raised \$8,000. Throughout the years the company's walk team has continued to grow, and once again Nicor had the largest team at the Naperville site of the **March for Babies** walk on April 26, 2009. More than 450 walkers raised funds for the March of Dimes' fight against birth defects.



More than 450 Nicor walkers helped raise funds for March of Dimes at the annual March for Babies walk in Naperville.

More than 1,000 volunteers spread out across northern Illinois on May 16, 2009 to complete 24 projects in communities as part of our 13th annual **Volunteer Day**. Projects ranged from river and outdoor cleanup to painting and food sorting. In addition, Nicor provided \$5,000 in capital grants to the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles and the DuPage Habitat for Humanity.



Brookfield Zoo offered family-friendly projects for volunteers of all ages during Volunteer Day on May 16.

- For those employees who invest their personal time to support non-profit organizations, Nicor is pleased to offer a \$500 **Volunteers in Partnership Grant** to benefit that organization.
- To keep employee volunteerism going strong throughout the year, Nicor is proud to serve as the founding corporate sponsor of **chicagovolunteer.net**, a Web site that connects citizens with more than 3,000 volunteer opportunities across the Chicago metro area.

To learn more about Nicor's philanthropic efforts, visit [nicor.com](http://nicor.com) or call Julian Brown at 630 388-2763.

At Nicor, we feel it is a privilege to be a part of your community. We live here, we work here and we will continue to do our part to be a valued corporate citizen. And, as we work to meet your community's needs, please don't hesitate to share your thoughts and opinions with us. 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](mailto:corpcom@nicor.com).

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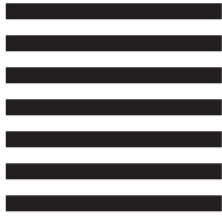
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We look forward to communicating  
with you later this year about our  
other philanthropic initiatives.

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

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

For our **guidelines on grants and donations**, visit [nicor.com](http://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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