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# agency to honor couple at gala

*By Lisa Garhan Metropolitan Family Services*

Alan and Milly Peterson of Glen Ellyn will be honored for the many years of service to the families of DuPage County at the 12th annual gala of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Bobak's Signature Events at Seven Bridges, 6440 Double Eagle Drive, Woodridge. The emcee for the event is Judy Hsu, coanchor of ABC7 News This Morning.

Metropolitan Family Services DuPage has been serving the DuPage area's most vulnerable residents for more than 80 years. Located in Wheaton with offices in Naperville, Elmhurst and Woodridge, Metropolitan provides head start programming and other vital services for children, families and seniors.

The Petersons will be presented with the Roger K. John-son Award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to families and communities served by Metropolitan Family Services DuPage.

"It is our honor to present Mr. and Mrs. Peterson with this well-deserved award," said Theresa Nihill, executive director of the agency.

"Alan, Milly and their entire family are well-known for their significant philanthropic endeavors and community activities, and we are grate-ful for their involvement in Metropolitan Family Services DuPage."

Alan Peterson joined the Metropolitan Family Services board of directors in 1991 and served until 2006. He was a member of the agency's development committee from 1992 to 1996. Peterson joined Metropolitan's Advisory Board in 2006, where he serves to this day.

The Petersons generously support Metropolitan Family Services initiatives that promote education, economic stability, emotional wellness and empowerment of the area's neediest residents. Alan has passed on the torch to his daughter-in-law, Marcie Peterson, who now serves on the Metropolitan DuPage board.

"Metropolitan is efficient, caring and has many fine accomplishments," Alan Peterson said. "Their leadership is very impressive and they work directly near the problems to help those fighting to succeed."

The Petersons also are involved with other community organizations, including Cadence Health and College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center, and support various educational and philanthropic efforts across the country.

Alan Peterson is a managing director at Robinwood Consulting in Chicago, a firm specializing in intellectual property consulting founded by his son, Mark.

He worked for an international accounting firm, founded and led the Peter-son Consulting Companies and Tucker Alan Consulting, and held leadership roles at Saatchi and Saatchi and Navigant Consulting.

The formal evening includes dinner, live music by Strings of Silk, live and silent auctions, a champagne ra'e and wine ra'e. Tickets are \$150. For information, contact [metrofamily.org/events](http://metrofamily.org/events) or (312) 986-4046.

Metropolitan Family Services DuPage Center provides support to vulnerable families with counseling, youth mentoring and senior respite care. Metropolitan DuPage is part of Metropolitan Family Services, an organization of human service leaders dedicated to strengthening low-income, Chicago-area families.

## If you go

What: Metropolitan Family Services DuPage annual gala

When: 6 p.m. April 26

Where: Bobak's Signature Events at Seven Bridges, 6440 Double Eagle Drive, Woodridge

Cost: \$150

Info: [metrofamily.org/events](http://metrofamily.org/events)