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**21ST ANNUAL DUPAGE**

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**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022**

**5:00-6:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL PROGRAM**



[metrofamily.org/DuPageGala](https://metrofamily.org/DuPageGala)



## ABOUT THE DUPAGE GALA

DuPage civic, business and philanthropic leaders come together to support Metropolitan Family Services DuPage through a powerful, virtual program highlighting our Behavioral Health programs. The special presentation features an engaging evening to empower our DuPage neighbors and recognize our Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award Honoree.

Proceeds support Metropolitan's DuPage programs and services, which empower nearly 26,000 children and families to learn, earn, heal and thrive.

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## WELCOME, FRIENDS

Thank you for your support of the 21st Annual DuPage Gala!

As we all navigate a remarkable year together, your commitment to Metropolitan Family Services DuPage is invaluable to the nearly 26,000 children and families we “Mpower” together throughout our DuPage communities.

This year, we’re pleased to honor one of our own, Paul Pycik, with our Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award. Paul, a long-standing member of our DuPage Community Board, recently joined his fellow former Board peers on our Alumni Board, where he continues to embody the qualities of service and dedication to families in our communities.

Mental health is relevant for many of us; did you know one in five U.S. adults experience mental illness each year? Our DuPage Gala presentation highlights the increased demand for our Behavioral Health services, and the empowering impact of the support families find at Metropolitan.

Our DuPage Center’s Behavioral Health programs continue to support children and families across the county with wrap-around services. Behavioral Health is a cornerstone of the wide-ranging and complex needs our families experience; it refers to the relationship between our daily habits – good and bad – and their effect on our physical and mental health.

Even just by tuning into our DuPage Gala program, you’re supporting these critically important services. As Gala Co-Chairs, we thank you for joining us. We extend our special appreciation for our DuPage Community Board, Host Committee, and our event sponsors for all your work in making this event possible.

Please watch for future communications about the meaningful ways you or your company can be integral in ensuring that the most vulnerable people in our community receive the care they need. If our DuPage Gala program inspires you to give today, please click below. Our families thank you!

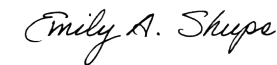
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We are grateful for your partnership in empowering families and communities.

Sincerely,



Dan McGowan  
Gala Co-Chair



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## FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR 21ST ANNUAL DUPAGE GALA PROGRAM

### WELCOME

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**Nikki Cameron**

Executive Director, Metropolitan DuPage

### ROGER K. JOHNSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### AWARD PRESENTATION

**Dan McGowan and Emily Shupe**

Co-Chairs, DuPage Gala Host Committee

#### REMARKS

**Paul Pycik**

Honoree, Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award

### IMPACT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

#### INTRODUCTION

**Mariola Kasper, LCSW**

Program Director, Metropolitan DuPage

**Cara Siebert, LCPC**

Program Director, Metropolitan DuPage

#### CONVERSATION

**Amanda Colletti**

Client, Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation

**Brenda Love, MA**

Mental Health Practitioner, Metropolitan DuPage

### CLOSING

**Dan McGowan and Emily Shupe**

Co-Chairs, DuPage Gala Host Committee

### VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT OF HONOREE

**Paul Pycik**

Roger K. Johnson Award Honoree

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## ABOUT THE ROGER K. JOHNSON LEADERSHIP AWARD



Roger K. Johnson was the fourth Executive Director of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, formerly Family Services of DuPage. Roger was a dedicated social worker, whose caring and commitment to at-risk families earned him the respect of all those in the human services arena in DuPage and beyond.

The recipient of the Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award works to empower Metropolitan Family Services DuPage in carrying out its mission “to provide and mobilize the services needed to strengthen families and communities.” A voice for strong families as the foundation of society, the honoree understands the important ways families shape the identities of their members and teach important life lessons, such as responsibility, respect, and concern for others and our community.

# HONORING 2022 ROGER K. JOHNSON LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

## PAUL PYRCIK



We're pleased to recognize Paul Pycik as our 2022 Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award honoree for his dedication to Mpowering DuPage-area children and families.

Paul Pycik served as a member of the Metropolitan Family Services DuPage Community Board for more than 23 years, including nine years as Board Chair.

His volunteer service included leading and participating in virtually all key Board committees and initiatives as he worked closely with the agency's last five executive directors. During this time, Paul and his wife Robin have attended and supported all 20 of the previous DuPage Gala events.

"To be recognized with a leadership award that bears Roger Johnson's name is something very special," shares Paul. "It seems a little strange to receive recognition for being empathetic and kind to others; something we should all be."

### Paul joins a distinguished group of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage's previous Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award honorees:

2021: Mike Skarr

2017: John Stitzell

2012: Charles B. McKenna

2020: Mary Ann & Paul Travers

2016: Pamela Sharar-Stoppel

2011: Carl Neumann

2019: Steven & Dina Gonzalez

2015: Dominic & Joyce Imburgia

2010: Don Ursin \*

2018: Kim Stapleton

2014: Alexander C. & Rinda Allison

2009: Dan Schuchardt

2013: Alan & Milly Peterson \*

\*Recipients who have passed



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## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION DURING THE GALA VIA ZOOM:

Audience cameras will be turned on during the program, though guest microphones will be muted; we welcome our guests to interact throughout the course of the conversation via the zoom chat feature!

Please stay on Zoom after our Gala program ends to hear from our Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award Honoree, Paul Pyrcik.

Stay tuned for poll questions throughout the program via Zoom! We'll share facts about Behavioral Health, and ask guests to participate in answering trivia questions based on the shared facts. Participants who answer all the trivia questions correctly will be entered to win a prize!

If you have not registered for the Gala on our website before Friday, May 6th potential guests will still be able to find the Zoom link on our website -

[www.metrofamily.org/events/dupage-gala](http://www.metrofamily.org/events/dupage-gala)



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2. **Choose item** - From the Items page, select Available for Purchase from the categories dropdown, then select an item.
3. **Enter quantity**
4. **Click Buy**

### By text

1. **Text item number** - Reply to your welcome text by texting an item number. A text with the item details and amount will be sent.
2. **Text "Buy" and item number**  
Example: "Buy 300" then press send.

## Bid

### By desktop, tablet or smartphone

1. **Access the campaign** - Click the blue link within the Welcome text or personal link button from within the Welcome email.
2. **Choose item** - From our Home page, click "Items", browse or use the dropdown menu to view categories, then select an item.
3. **Choose amount** - Use the pre-populated minimum bid or enter a higher amount.  
**Auto bid** - Select AUTO BID, enter the highest amount you are willing to bid. The system will place minimum bids for you as needed until your designated amount.
4. **Click Bid**

### By text

1. **Text item number** - Reply to your welcome text by texting an item number. A text with the item details and minimum bid amount will be sent.
2. **Text item number and bid amount**  
Example: "102 300" then press send.

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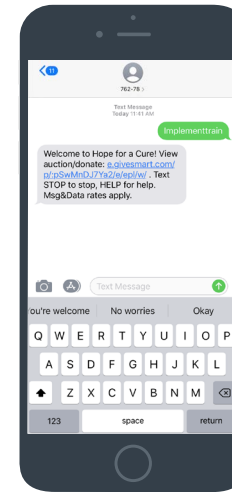
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### By desktop, tablet or smartphone

1. **Access the campaign** - Click the blue link within the Welcome text or personal link button from within the Welcome email.
2. **Choose item** - From our Home page, click "Donate", then select an item.
3. **Choose amount**
4. **Click Donate**

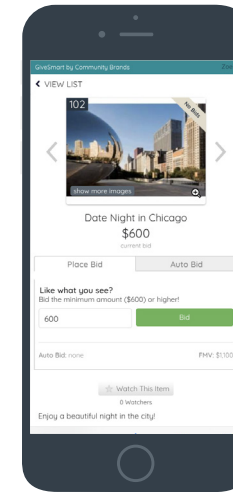
### By text

1. **Text "Give" and amount**  
Example: "Give 300" then press send.



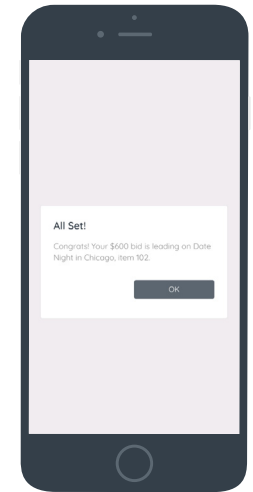
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Click the blue link in the registration text



2

Select item, enter Bid Amount and select Bid



3

Receive a confirmation message, select Ok to return back to items

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Every donation, at any amount, helps MFSD Mpower  
nearly 26,000 families in DuPage each year.







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### FAST FACTS

\$17 Million  
FY22 Budget

25,582  
clients served in FY21



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### HELPING RESTORE BALANCE IN LIVES

Since 1930, Metropolitan Family Services DuPage has empowered DuPage County's most vulnerable children and families. Whether through early childhood education, parent education, therapy and mental health services, or services for older adults and caregivers, we equip individuals and families to learn, to earn, to heal and to thrive.

We serve all communities of DuPage County, including Wheaton, Elmhurst, Naperville, West Chicago, Woodridge and Addison.

222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187  
630-784-4800  
www.metrofamily.org

24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline: 630-469-5650

#### Additional Locations

Elmhurst City Hall  
209 North York Road, 1st Floor  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
630-784-4800

Treasure House Resale Shop  
497 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
630-469-6907

Woodridge  
1999 75th Street  
Woodridge, IL 60517  
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Family Shelter Service  
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1512 N. Naper Blvd.  
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605 E Roosevelt Rd  
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**Education**  
Head Start & Early Head Start  
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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES at Metropolitan Family Services DuPage

We provide a wide range of behavioral health services designed to help empower children, adults, older adults, and families experiencing emotional, cognitive and behavioral challenges, domestic violence, mental illness or family problems.

DuPage Gala | Friday, May 6 | 5-6pm CST | virtual gala | highlighting the impact of our Behavioral Health Services



### What is behavioral health and how is it different from mental health?

**Behavioral health** refers to the relationship between our daily habits (good and bad) and their effect on our physical and mental health.

- Examples include eating habits, exercise routines and alcohol consumption.

**Mental health** is a component of behavioral health, and focuses solely on a person's psychological state.

All mental health issues are part of behavioral health, but not all behavioral health issues are related to mental health.

**Metropolitan DuPage addresses both mental health and behavioral health concerns.**

### EXAMPLES OF ISSUES WE HELP CLIENTS ADDRESS

- Adoption-specific concerns
- Anxiety and/or depression symptoms
- Behavioral issues
- Extreme stress
- Family crisis situations
- Grief and loss
- Major life transitions such as divorce or death of a spouse
- Psychosis
- Stress related to caregiving
- Trauma

### SERVICES CAN INCLUDE

- Therapy/counseling (including outpatient counseling with psychiatric care)
- Case management, crisis intervention and stabilization
- Psychiatric evaluation and care
- Medical care coordination and management
- Drop-in center with support resource specialists
- 24 hour/7 days a week domestic violence hotline



97.1% of clients shared their overall health improved as a result of MFS services

### OUR TEAM

Our experienced team of licensed practitioners includes social workers, counselors and psychiatrists. They are trained in evidence-based practices and recovery models to address diverse client needs. Their supportive and caring support maximizes clients' ability to function independently and empowers clients to better handle life's challenges.

### WRAPAROUND CARE TARGETS TOTAL WELLNESS

Metropolitan DuPage partners with clients for total wellness of themselves and their families, providing additional support in education, legal aid and domestic violence services.



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about accessing or  
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CALL 630-784-4800

## NICOLE (NIKKI) CAMERON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Nicole Cameron currently serves as Executive Director of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage. In this role, Nikki brings a strategic lens to empowering families through integrated program and service delivery, looking outside the box to guide staff in ways to approach service integration more broadly in order to serve clients more effectively and holistically.

Additionally, she leads Metropolitan DuPage's extensive partnerships with the greater DuPage community, which have been an essential part of the Center's success and span the public and private sectors.

Nikki started at Metropolitan in August 2012, serving in various roles including Associate Director of Metropolitan's Early Learning Programs, School Readiness Director and Quality Assurance Supervisor. Before joining the MFS team, she worked with other Head Start/Early Head Start programs for 11 years.



## GET INVOLVED WITH



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Metropolitan seeks motivated, dedicated and talented individuals who are passionate about strengthening families.

Since 1857, Metropolitan has relied on the compassion of volunteers to help families reach their highest potential. We offer a wide range of opportunities for you to get involved – whether you are looking for an ongoing volunteer duty or a one-time only project. Once we learn more about you we can match your talents to a fulfilling task.

Please note due to the pandemic, some volunteer opportunities are not available at this time. Thank you for your understanding and interest in giving of your time!

### **Questions?**

Contact Julia Forte, Volunteer Coordinator, at [ForteJ@metrofamily.org](mailto:ForteJ@metrofamily.org).



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## FAMILY SHELTER SERVICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING

Domestic violence is a very complex issue that affects one out of three women in her lifetime. The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) therefore requires that all domestic violence staff, interns and volunteers who wish to provide direct services to survivors complete a minimum of 40 hours of training.

Family Shelter Service of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage (FSS of MFSD) has been approved by the Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional Board of Directors to offer this training. Our professional facilitators offer this training two to three times a year, and trainings are open to professionals and community members who wish to learn more about this devastating societal problem.

## ABOUT THE TRAINING

FSS of MFSD offers the 40-hour domestic violence training several times per year. Details and training schedule will vary by training.

- Our next 40-hour training will take place in June 2022. Please fill out the wait list form to be notified of specific dates.
- As of July 2021, due to increasing costs of offering the training, our base cost of registration has increased. Discounts for staff, volunteers, and students are still available.

### Questions?

Email [fss-training@metrofamily.org](mailto:fss-training@metrofamily.org)

<https://www.metrofamily.org/fssofmfspd/get-involved/>



## TREASURE HOUSE RESALE SHOP



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**497 Pennsylvania Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

Treasure House is a resale shop located in Glen Ellyn, IL which sells gently used furniture, clothing and home goods. The proceeds from the shop support the needs of families and communities throughout DuPage County through the social service programs of Metropolitan DuPage. Metropolitan Family Services helped nearly 26,000 low-income DuPage residents with counseling, parenting, mental health, housing assistance, senior programs and family support services. Many volunteer opportunities are available at the Treasure House. Come work in a fun, fast paced retail environment and make a difference in your community.

### **Get Involved:**

If you would like to become a Treasure House volunteer, please contact Reenie Meyer at 312-758-9557 or [ForteJ@metrofamily.org](mailto:ForteJ@metrofamily.org).

## FAMILY SHELTER SERVICE RESALE SHOP

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Donations will be accepted from 10am to 4pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The Resale Shops are closed on Thursdays.

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**One common planned gift is to include Metropolitan Family Services as a beneficiary of your will.**

Courtesy of FreeWill, Metropolitan supporters can now write a legal will at no cost, in 20 minutes or less. It also makes it easy to include the necessary language to create a gift in your plans that provides lasting support to our communities.

[Access this free estate planning resource here](#)

If you have questions about how you can leave a legacy and join the Family Trust, please contact Barbara West Stone, Chief Development Officer, at 312-986-4028 or [westb@metrofamily.org](mailto:westb@metrofamily.org).





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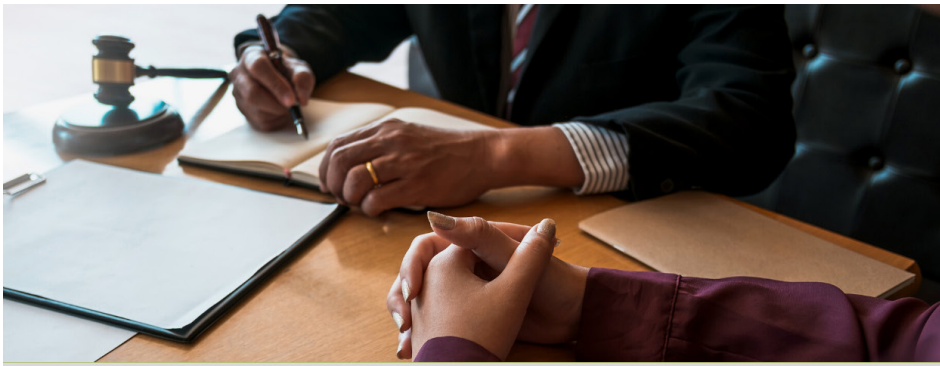
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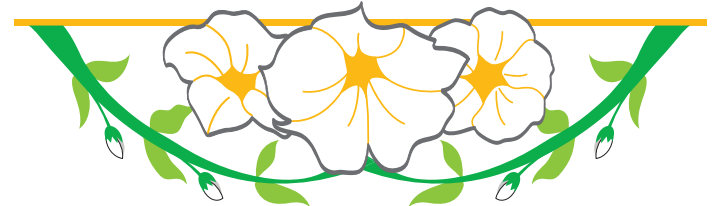


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