



## Skating for Wellness House

When Lily was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, her friends at the ice-skating rink wanted to do something special for her. On Saturday, September 21 they held Skate Fest at the Ridgeland Commons Ice Rink in Oak Park to raise awareness of thyroid cancer and support organizations that have been helping Lily throughout her journey. It was a large event with over 300 people and raised money through raffle tickets, silent auctions, food, and jewelry made by Lily herself. During the program, Lily's friends performed old skating routines of hers and Lily herself gave a touching speech. **Through this event, Lily and her friends raised over \$15,000—\$8,652 of which was donated to Wellness House!**

## Spooky Spectacular and Polar Express



As 2019 ended, we held two fun holiday events for kids and their families! In October, we hosted Spooky Spectacular, a Halloween

celebration. 62 kids came dressed in their favorite costumes, participated in festive games and crafts, and of course, we provided them with some spooky snacks!

In December, we held our annual Polar Express Pajama Party. Families joined us for snacks, reindeer games, crafts, caroling, a photo booth, and a showing of The Polar Express. We also had a special visit from Santa and the Hinsdale Fire Department, who came with a gift for each child in attendance. It was a magical night for all who were involved!

Thank you to the Hinsdale Fire Department for their generosity, the volunteers who gave up their time, and our donors who make it all possible. **Because of your support, we are able to help families with a common cancer experience connect with one another through fun and play.**

# Walk for Wellness House Corporate Teams

**Save the date —**  
Walk for Wellness House 2020  
is Sunday, May 3



**Teams are historically a critical component in the success of the annual walk.** While many individuals rally around creating a team, we also encourage the formation of corporate teams! Companies who seek to have a strong giving culture often invest in their local communities. By contributing through the creation of a team, companies can join the fun of raising money for Wellness House and come together to show their support on the day of the walk.

We are always excited to have a team from our long-time sponsor, The Inland Real Estate Group. This year we are also happy to introduce a new corporate team from The Joint Commission, sparked by interest after their October breast cancer awareness initiative.

If you and your company are interested in forming a corporate team for Walk for Wellness House, please reach out to Liza Larsen at 630.654.5112 or llarsen@wellnesshouse.org for more information.

***“Our support for Wellness House runs throughout our company and has for the last 26 years. Giving back has been at the heart of our corporate culture since our founding. Every May, Inland employees and their families look forward to participating in the Walk for Wellness House event. The feedback we get from our employees is just phenomenal. They not only enjoy raising money, but it is an honor to support such an important cause that educates and helps cancer patients and their families living with cancer.”***

**- Bob Baum, Wellness House Lifetime Trustee, Co-founder, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc.**