

Honorable Mention: Karen Garlough, Naperville

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Karen Garlough is one of the most compassionate and involved members of our community.

In 1989, Karen and husband Bill opened My Chef Catering with the goal of creating a business that was customer-focused and community minded. Twenty-two years later, My Chef Catering is a thriving business and has been recognized with numerous community service awards — locally and nationally — for their community involvement.

Under Karen's direction, My Chef Catering annu-

worked countless hours. Oktoberfest cleared over \$1.5 million over the life of this fundraiser, which has helped countless local people. The Rotary club asked Karen and Bill to create a new fundraiser in 2008.

With the pending economic crisis, Karen and Bill decided that a fundraiser to benefit local food pantries and shelters would be impactful to our community.



Garlough

ally donates cash, time and catering services to over 20 organizations. Karen donates an incredible amount of time to help these not-for-profits. Examples of her work include the develop-

ment and execution of Naperville CARES' Cuisine for a Cause and Toasting for a Cause — Karen has chaired six years for Cuisine and Toasting four. The events net CARES over \$100,000 annually.

For The Rotary Club of Naperville, she has coordinated the catering for 16 years of Oktoberfest and

Soup's On! was born. Hosed House, Loaves & Fishes and DuPage PADS are the event's beneficiaries. Since 2008, the Rotary club has given \$164,000 to these not-for-profits.

Passion to help others combined with a strong work ethic is a powerful force that Karen Garlough personifies.

— Jeanne Buddingh, Naperville

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