



# THE DUPAGE REVIEW

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- **Farah Ahmedi**, a refugee from war-torn Afghanistan, is just one of the many students who have benefited from the Community Service Block Grant scholarship, which was created 17 years ago by the DuPage County Department of Community Services. Farah, who just completed her first year at North Central College in Naperville, was a recipient of this scholarship after she arrived in America as a refugee from Kabul Afghanistan. She has spent time traveling and speaking to groups and schools, helped educate people about amputees and wrote a book titled "*The Story of My Life, An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky*" published by Simon and Schuster (2005).
- More than 50 hands-on projects and collection drives are currently available for this year's countywide volunteer event, **DuPage Remembers and Gives...A Day of Volunteerism**, to be held on Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8. This annual event commemorates September 11 by bringing the community together to assist non-profit organizations throughout DuPage County in service. Giving DuPage is a public-private initiative promoting giving and volunteerism in DuPage County. This is Giving DuPage's sixth annual *DuPage Remembers and Gives...A Day of Volunteerism*. The deadline to register is August 15.
- The DuPage County Board recently approved a resolution in support of the proposed **Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center** to be built at the DuPage National Technology Park in West Chicago. The Center would be established by a consortium of Northern Illinois University, the Northern Illinois Research Foundation and the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research facility, LLC. The Center would enhance the work done at the adjacent Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in proton therapy for the treatment of cancer. The therapy has proven highly effective for pediatric and adult tumors of the head, brain, neck and lung.
- **Mary Robinson** of Downers Grove has been appointed to serve as Commissioner and Chairman of the DuPage County Ethics Commission. As a member of the Ethics Commission, Ms. Robinson will serve as an advisor on ethics issues for County elected officials, board members, appointees and employees. She will also be a resource to assist county officials and employees in interpreting the County's Ethics Ordinance in order to ensure uniform compliance. Ms. Robinson, who received her Juris Doctor at the University of Southern California, is self employed and a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism. Her term will run until December 14, 2008.
- The DuPage County Board has approved a **new vehicle policy** that will help reduce air pollution and decrease fuel consumption of County vehicles. A key aspect of the new policy encourages the conversion of County vehicles to an alternative fuel fleet consisting of hybrids, E-85, compressed natural gas and propane fueled vehicles. To accomplish this goal, when the County is scheduled to replace a vehicle with a newer model, it must, when feasible, replace it with an alternate fuel model.

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