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North Central Regional Betterment Receives TCI Healthcare Challenge Grant

LASALLE – NCRBC and its partners: St. Margaret’s Health, Starved Rock Associates for Vocational & Technical Education, and IVCC are pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$4,000 sub-grant from the 60 by 25 Leadership Network and TCI Healthcare. These funds will support the area’s first on-site healthcare career expo, called Healthcare 101.

The purpose of the program is to provide an up-close, interactive experience for 75 junior high and 100 high school area students taking place over two separate half-day sessions, on September 22nd and November 17th. Experience stations, where students can see, hear, and practice tasks, will be created around the hospital to introduce students to various healthcare career opportunities that are locally available, the education needed for those careers, and how to conduct themselves in a work environment. Participating with the partners, University of Illinois Extension, 10/33 Ambulance, Innovative Staff Solutions, and Illinois Valley Society for Human Resource Management will provide some of the experience stations visited by the students. The program will end with lunch and each student will receive a commemorative Healthcare 101 t-shirt.

Patricia Walters, NCRBC officer and 60 by 25 Committee Chair, is delighted at the enthusiasm from local schools for the project. “The positive feedback we are getting leads us to believe that the region’s appetite for cross-sector collaboration in workforce development and readiness is increasing” she said.

NCRBC is a 501 (c)(3) community organization whose mission is to create viable cultural, educational, and economic opportunities in North Central Illinois. In addition to Healthcare 101, other current projects are the creation of a Regional Enrichment Calendar, and the 4th NCRBC Discover Manufacturing Career Expo.

The Illinois 60 by 2025 Network is an ever-emerging network of communities in Illinois that are committed to the goal of ensuring that 60% of all adults have a college or career credential by 2025. This network is designed to meet the needs of communities that are working together to provide rigorous, real world learning in and out of the classroom. Walters can be contacted at 815-488-3256.



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