



The Northwest Irish Parade celebrates faith, family, and heritage on the Northwest side of Chicago. Now in our 22nd year, the Northwest Side St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has grown. The Committee was founded to bring Chicago's Northwest side area a celebration of Irish involvement in the American experience.

Last year's parade was a tremendous success, as our friends and families have greatly expanded. The Northwest Side Irish Parade Foundation is requesting Sponsorships to fund our 22nd Annual St. Patrick's Parade and celebration of Celtic & Gaelic customs and traditions. This is our 22nd parade, but it will mark the 23rd year of the Northwest Side Irish as an organization. The marketing opportunities for the Northwest Side Parade Guide distributed to over **fifty thousand** people, including Parade-day participants, and the multiple events that led up to the parade are very exciting. NWSI has thousands in the community participating in the parade, which is a gallant endeavor by all. We'll have more surprises for the Northwest Side this year, and with a bit of luck, maybe we'll even beat last year's attendance record.

Friends of the Northwest Side St. Patrick's Parade can support the event through various fundraisers. Sponsorships ranging from a \$5.00 raffle ticket to Parade Corporate Sponsorships through the \$2000.00 level help us underwrite the cost of staging, promotional materials, and security. We also have a \$20.00 cash grand prize raffle ticket. We are available to discuss sponsorship opportunities with you at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you can support this great event and local charity fundraisers.

Northwest Side Irish Parade Foundation is dedicated to preserving, furthering, and promoting American Irish Celtic and Gaelic traditions and histories, which benefits the general public and our local communities. We welcome all ethnic friends and family to join the Irish in celebration; it is, after all, a celebration of friends and families here on the Northwest Side of Chicago. For everyone who is Irish or Irish at heart!

The sole purpose of Northwest Side Irish is to promote our Irish Heritage through organizing and managing the parade. We also take great pride in raising awareness and funds for extended community efforts and charitable organizations. We have raised funds and awareness for many philanthropic communities over the past seven years. Misericordia, Muscular Dystrophy, Chicagoland Food Depository, and Dixon Center for Veterans and Military Community Services are just a few. Veterans and Military Families have always had a special place with the parade as our founder, Daniel Murray, is an Army Veteran, and co-founder, Elizabeth Murray Belcaster, has been working with veterans and military families for the past ten years.

Lastly, and most importantly, we thank the families and businesses that have supported the celebration over the past fourteen years. Our festivities would not be possible without your support. We have raised awareness for local charities and look forward to participating in more worthy causes shortly. We at the Northwest Side Irish always look for a good deed. Please contact us with any suggestions you have.

Finally, let's remember to make this Northwest Side St. Patrick's Day Parade FUN!

Respectfully,

Daniel Murray, NWSI President

Elizabeth Murray-Belcaster, NWSI Parade Organizer