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**PARKWAYS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$400,000 TO THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
FOR DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Chicago, IL – Parkways Foundation, the non-profit partner of the Chicago Park District, is proud to award \$400,000 for the 2010 Camp Scholarship Fund. This fund provides assistance to families who are struggling with the resources needed to send their kids to park camps; more than 2,300 children receive scholarships.

The grant allows the Chicago Park District to subsidize eligible children at a rate of 50% or 75% of the cost to attend the six-week long session. Eligibility is based on participation in the free or reduced lunch program.

A check presentation will take place on the first day of summer camp on Monday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m. at The Park at NTA – 2240 S. Federal. Representatives from Parkways Foundation and the Chicago Park District will be available for interviews.

In 2009, Parkways created the Camp Scholarship Fund due to the increase in the number of families in need of financial assistance to pay the camp fees. “It is important that children are still afforded the opportunity to attend summer camp during these tough economic times,” said Brenda Palm, Executive Director of Parkways Foundation.

To help raise money for scholarships Parkways has launched, a “Send a Kid to Camp” fundraising campaign was launched. \$100 underwrites a scholarship giving one child the opportunity to enjoy the ultimate summer camp experience with swimming, sports, arts and crafts, field trips and more.

For more information on Parkways or to send a kid to camp please visit www.parkways.org or call 312.742.4816.

ABOUT PARKWAYS FOUNDATION

Parkways Foundation invests in Chicago’s parks to enrich communities through historic preservation, environmental initiatives, capital projects and youth/family programs. Parkways is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to working with the Chicago Park District in a true public/private partnership.

ABOUT THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

For more information about the Chicago Park District’s more than 7,600 acres of parkland, 570 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 natural areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact the Chicago Park District at 312.742.PLAY or 312.747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312.742.PLAY.