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My favorite cause is **Chicago Gateway Green**, which was founded in 1986 by my late father, Don DePorter.

Years before "greening" became corporate America's favorite verb, my father created Gateway Green to beautify Chicago through landscape enhancement, litter and graffiti removal and the installation of public art on Chicago's expressways and gateways and neighborhoods.



Since its inception, Gateway Green has planted tens of thousands of trees and shrubs and removed hundreds of thousands of pounds of litter, thus improving the environment and quality of life for Chicago's residents and visitors. Gateway Green's signature fundraising event, the Green Tie Ball, has set new standards for charity galas in Chicago for 17 years. This event annually attracts more than 2,500 attendees representing the most influential business and social circles. With a strong volunteer committee and imaginative themes, the Green Tie Ball continues to reinvent itself as the most anticipated gala experience of the year.

SHELLEY MACARTHUR FARLEY
 SINGER/
 ENTERTAINER



Though I'm involved with several boards and charities, I'd like to acknowledge two organizations I believe are in need of exposure.

The House of the Good Shepherd is a shelter for battered and abused women with children. My initial involvement in The House began in the late '80s through an organization, the Mannequin Guild, that united battered women with women of the fashion arts—professionals serving as positive role models to women in need of regaining their self-esteem. The guild (now disbanded) raised the necessary funds to build The House of the Good Shepherd Children's Building, which was dedicated in 1991. In the last several years, The House of the Good Shepherd has achieved an extraordinary 90 percent success rate with families completing the program and moving into stable housing. At The House, mothers learn how to break the cycle of violence, acquire job skills and make significant educational strides so they can become self-sufficient. It's a cause close to my heart for two reasons: ending the cycle of domestic violence and raising conscious awareness of a difficult subject.

My other favorite cause is the **Big Shoulders Fund's Gallagher Scholars** mentoring program. Big Shoulders helps the Catholic Schools of Chicago produce new generations of well-educated and ethically responsible citizens, and works to foster stable communities. I have been a mentor to 10 scholars from St. Therese Chinese Catholic School over the past 10 years, helping Chinese-American children to set goals, learn more about our culture and experience sights outside of Chinatown.



CARI SACKS
 PHILANTHROPIST AND
 ERIKSON INSTITUTE TRUSTEE

For me, making the world a better place begins with children. That's why I have been involved with the **Erikson Institute** for 18 years—first as a Master's degree student and now as a trustee. Erikson is an incredible place that flies a bit under the radar; it's a graduate school in child development, but

that simple title belies Erikson's extensive work as a catalyst for discovery and change both in the classroom and in the community. Erikson manages the Early Childhood Project for Illinois' Department of Children and Family Services, administering developmental assessments for kids up to five years old entering the foster care system, identifying children in need of therapeutic services.

I am especially proud of the impact Erikson has made with Chicago Public Schools to reopen schools that were failing. I believe that the work the Erikson Institute does is the most crucial happening in the world of child development today. That is why I am so dedicated to this institution—ultimately it is about children, and that is where our hope for making the world a better place begins.

