

Scott Gaalaas YMCA Partnership Award

Scott Gaalaas served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of our Y for 12 years, and unexpectedly and tragically passed away in 2012. We honor Scott's memory by awarding a community partner who captures the essence of our Y's community spirit.



Scott worked tirelessly in our community to strengthen bonds with other organizations to ensure that every individual received the support he or she needed, whether that was a warm place to stay, a safe place to study after school, or an inviting place to seek wellness.

2015 Recipient — Patrick Maloney

CEO, Westlake Hospital and West Suburban Medical Center



Since 2014, Patrick Maloney has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, IL and West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park, IL.

Under Patrick's leadership, a partnership was formed between the West Cook YMCA, Westlake Hospital and the Westlake Health Foundation to provide Proviso Township residents health screenings for early detection of chronic and preventable diseases which may be potentially life-threatening; health education to help understand and manage prevalent and preventable diseases; and fitness sessions to encourage more active and healthy lifestyles. A grant named the Healthy Communities Initiative funds the cost of screenings, including laboratory analysis, reading medical images, , and equipment and supplies to conduct the program and to track results.

The West Cook Y extends its gratitude to Patrick for modeling how to be a community leader through his passion for ensuring that health screenings and health management are available to all residents, regardless of financial circumstances.