

NEWSRELEASE **ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT** MAKING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

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Park District Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

ROCKFORD IL – At tonight’s Board meeting, Chief Financial Officer Stacie Talbert presented the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to the Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners. The District received the award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2008.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management to clearly communicate its financial story.

Since 1981, the Rockford Park District has submitted its CAFR to the GFOA for review. In those 27 years, the District has been recognized 26 times for excellence in financial reporting. “We are proud of the District’s record in exceeding the minimum requirements of accepted accounting principles. It is clear that the District, our Commissioners, and our management staff are taking the extra steps to communicate the financial condition of the District to our owners, bondholders, partners and participants,” said Park District Chief Financial Officer Stacie Talbert.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare a CAFR that evidences the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving this goal.

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