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Lincoln Park Public Schools' Director of Food Services receives prestigious Paul Harris Award

Lincoln Park Rotary Club honors Mark Rodriguez for providing outstanding service to schools and the community as a whole

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. – **Lincoln Park Public Schools** is proud to announce that its director of Food Services, **Mark Rodriguez**, has received the prestigious **Paul Harris Award** from the **Lincoln Park Rotary Club**. Typically reserved for members who reach the \$1,000 donation plateau, the club decided to make the \$1,000 donation on Rodriguez's behalf and honor him for his commitment and dedication to Lincoln Park and surrounding communities.

"Mr. Rodriguez is dedicated to Lincoln Park and over the last 12 years he has implemented several innovative programs that have bettered the lives of countless Lincoln Park students," said **George Cretu**, President of the Lincoln Park Rotary Club. "In addition to his work in the schools, he regularly volunteers his time and services to the Rotary Club and the Lincoln Park Historical Society. Mr. Rodriguez is an asset to our community and we are fortunate to have him on our team."

In his role as Director of Food Services, Rodriguez oversees the food services departments of Lincoln Park and Wyandotte Public Schools. Since stepping into the role 12 years ago, Rodriguez has done a great deal to improve the lives of those around him.

"I work in the food service industry, and it is my personal mission to provide excellent service to ensure people enjoy their dining experience," said Rodriguez. "When I got the call, I thought it was for another catering job. I was surprised to learn that the Rotary Club wanted to honor me for the work I do in Lincoln Park."

Rodriguez is responsible for bringing the Eat Up and Meet Up program that provides students with breakfast and lunch five days a week throughout the summer at no cost to Lincoln Park, converting the satellite luncheon program into an on-site services program and finding funding to build a full service kitchen at the middle school.

"Mr. Rodriguez cares deeply about our students and the residents of our community and he has always been there to pitch in and lend a helping hand," said **Terry Dangerfield**, Superintendent of Lincoln Park Public Schools. "I am happy that Mr. Rodriguez is being recognized for his dedication to our community and I am honored to call him a Railsplitter."

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