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## **Innovative resilient school to receive Starr Commonwealth's Child Advocacy Award**

*Lincoln Park Public Schools to be honored for commitment to  
students' full well-being*

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. – **Lincoln Park Public Schools (LPPS)** will become the first school district to be honored with **Starr Commonwealth's Child Advocacy Award** for their commitment to helping children flourish via the **Resilient Schools Project**.

"We launched the Resilient Schools Project with Starr to create a culture that supports the whole student, and teaches our children how to overcome adversity and trauma," said **Nicole Chubb**, director of special education at Lincoln Park Public Schools. "We invested a lot of time and resources to find the best tools and practices to reduce the impact trauma continues to have on our students, and incorporated these findings at Raupp Elementary. Teaching our students strategies to overcome adversity helps them understand that they don't have to be defined by their traumatic experiences – it teaches them they are resilient."

The Child Advocacy Award recognizes child advocates and leaders for their commitment to the well-being of all children. Traditionally presented to individuals, LPPS will be recognized for their district-wide effort to meet the social and emotional needs of their students.

"We are proud of Lincoln Park Public Schools for working tirelessly to implement new strategies that counteract the negative impact childhood trauma has on the brain," said **Elizabeth Carey**, President and CEO of Starr Commonwealth. "Childhood trauma comes in many forms, and Lincoln Park has done a wonderful job of creating a culture that inspires their entire staff to play a role in meeting their students' individual needs. We are excited to present them with the Child Advocacy Award at our 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and look forward to helping the Resilient Schools Project continue to grow at LPPS."

Starr's 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will celebrate its unique approach to treating and healing trauma and pain-based behavior and building resiliency in all children, families, and communities. Starr believes every child is a success story waiting to be told, and that when individuals and communities come together to build caring, nurturing environments and relationships, all children can transform, take flight, and flourish.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will feature a strolling dinner, open bar, and full access to the beautiful Wildlife Interpretive Gallery and Butterfly Garden at the Detroit Zoo on Saturday, Oct. 6. “We are excited to welcome new and old friends to this symbolic setting,” states Carey. “Like the stages of the butterfly, the power of personal transformation is one that continues to strengthen our resolve in the greatness of those we serve.”

Tickets and additional information about the event are available at [www.starr.org/105-Tickets](http://www.starr.org/105-Tickets).

“We are truly honored to be recognized by Starr Commonwealth for our work in building resilience in children,” said **Terry Dangerfield**, Superintendent of Lincoln Park Public Schools. “The Resilient Schools Project is years in the making, and we are grateful for the opportunity to equip our students with new strategies to bounce back and redefine themselves. Our students will benefit from these skills for the rest of their lives.”

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#### **About Starr Commonwealth:**

Starr Commonwealth serves children, families and communities around the country through community based, early intervention and preventative services, specialized residential programs, and educational services. Their training programs, online courses and resources, and conferences equip professionals from around the world, advancing their vision of actively engaging communities worldwide to develop the greatness in every child.