

## THE CIRCLE OF SAFETY

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### Forest Agency Awards Parenthesis Family Center Special Grant

Parenthesis Family Center, a member of the United Way network, has received a \$5,000 donation from Forest Agency Insurance in partnership with Crestbrook Insurance Company. The money will support Parenthesis' programs in parenting and education for families with young children in the Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park area, as well as a satellite program in Cicero.

Earlier this year, Forest Agency was the first agency nationwide to qualify for Crestbrook's Partners in Giving program, for which Forest Agency received \$5,000 to award to a United Way-affiliated charity of our choice.

Forest Agency has been a supporter of its client Parenthesis Family Center for more than 30 years. As strong believers in their work, we were thrilled with the opportunity to provide needed support to our community-based organization.

Parenthesis Executive Director Kathy Kern and Development Director Bonnie Andorka, as well as Leslie Wooten of the DuPage/West Cook County chapter of the United Way were on hand to accept the donation from Dan Browne, Cathy Hall, and Crestbrook President Jim Pedersen.

### NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!

You may have noticed, the design of our newsletter has changed. We need a new name to go with our new look. This month, instead of our regular trivia contest, we are asking you, our readers, to re-name our newsletter. The winning submission will receive a gift card! E-mail or fax us your submission, and don't forget to include your name!

SUBMIT TO:

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Or fax: 708-689-8388



Kathy Kern of Parenthesis receives award check from Forest Agency Personal Lines team.

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Bonnie Casper and her sons (from L to R: Mike, Mason, Bonnie and Ryan).

## Thank you!

.....to all the clients who referred their friends and family to Forest Agency:

Zoey Rangel

Rita Siwik

Thomas & Lynne Kryger

Michael O'Connell

Jeffery Fourman &

Susan Van Dusartz

Martin & Lynn Sorice

Best Friends Day Care

Rebeca Oyoque

## Welcome Back Bonnie Casper!

Bonnie Casper has returned to Forest Agency in January after a little over a year away. She's back to head our Aviation Department as an Account Manager. We're so glad she's back! Here are some reasons why:

### Still the same Bonnie!

Bonnie is a longtime former employee of Forest. While her position is new, she's still the same old Bonnie. She's still living with her husband and two little dogs in North Riverside. She still has three boys, everyone is just one year older and one year wiser.

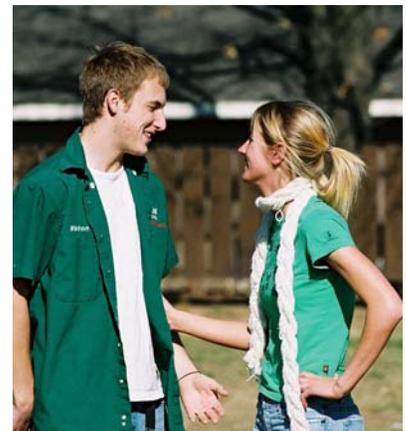
### Fitness runs in the family

Bonnie is well known for having a Panama Jack cruiser-style bicycle with a basket on the front that she loves to ride. You may have seen her out for a ride, she's hard to miss with the light up flowers on her basket.

This year, encouraged by her sons, she entered and participated in the Shamrock Shuffle. This was her first time doing an organized race and her first time running five miles! Way to go Bonnie!

### Perks of working at Forest Agency:

When asked why Bonnie wanted to come back to working at our office on Madison Street, she gave several reasons. First, it's important for Bonnie to feel connected to her community. She loves the small town feel of our office in Forest Park. Second, she has supportive coworkers, who really welcomed her back into the fold. Lastly, all three of Bonnie's sons work in the area. Every once and a while, one of them drops by to take Mom out to lunch.



## Tell a Friend about Forest Agency!

If you're happy with our service, **consider referring a friend or neighbor to Forest Agency.**

We will send you a \$10 gift card for every referral, and enter you in our quarterly drawing (this quarter we gave away a GoPro video camera!

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Dan Browne, CIC, AAI Cathy Hall, CIC, AAI

**Congratulations to Glenn and Cathy Plencner, the winners of our quarterly drawing! They will receive a GoPro video camera. We are grateful for their kind referrals.**

### NOT-SO-TRIVIAL PURSUIT

**Last month's question:  
What color would Coca-Cola be if all the artificial coloring were removed?**

**Answer: Brown!**

Congratulation to Clair Malo of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation for being the first person with the correct answer.



Picture provided by Ace Private Risk Services

## Safety First During your Home Renovation

A home renovation opens up the homeowner to several risks not normally present in the home. Protect your house and your family by following these simple tips to mitigate and reduce these temporary risks.

1. Minimize your exposure to risk involving physical harm. If your family is staying on site during the renovation, try to limit construction to times when family members will be away, like during school or work hours. Restrict your conversations to the general contractor or project superintendent, and make sure workers know which areas of the home are off limits.
2. Risk of fire hazard increases dramatically during a home construction project. Have workers inspect areas for combustible materials before welding or soldering begins in any area. Appoint a watchman to insure that fire does not occur. Keep your existing alarms and sprinkler systems activated if possible. If not, consider having a temporary system installed for the duration of the project.
3. Protect your project against mother nature. Because your home construction project will likely create additional openings into the house, your interior furnishings and finishes are at risk of being compromised. Consider a home envelope in addition to tarpaulins. Wrap up the house at the end of every workday. Lastly, make sure there are drainage alternatives in the event that gutters are sidelined.

**Don't forget to check our blog at [forestagency.com](http://forestagency.com), our Facebook page, and next month's newsletter for follow-up tips on seeing your project through.**



Diane Villagomez Bobbie Box Maryann Matias



Maria Lopez Cristine Saucedo Cecilia Saavedra Tim Jorgensen



David Klans Linda Carrera Melissa Keshen Nichole Hoppe Mike Frontzak William Demitro

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Diane Villagomez, Gina Robbins and Cathy Hall! Also, Congratulations to Cathy Hall on celebrating 27 years and Linda Carrera on celebrating 19 years with Forest Agency!

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