



Partnering Philanthropic Opportunities

Sponsored as a Professional Development & Education Committee Initiative

The Member Enrichment Committee of the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce promotes business opportunities through building relationships and fostering educational and community service programs. Among these opportunities is philanthropic partnering for Chamber members.

Three programs are currently sponsored by the committee, ***Support for Our Own***, ***Good Efforts Pay Off***, and ***Chamber Members Lend-a-hand***.

Support for Our Own is a support system for the organization. Chamber members are provided three options to provide assistance to our [30+ Chamber Member non-profit](#) organizations in building stronger community partnerships.

1. Adopt a non-profit to provide on-going support to the organization in volunteer efforts and/or monetary contribution.
2. Provide a gift of membership for non-profit organization.
3. Contribute to the [N.E.W. 200 Foundation](#) to support innovative education, extending educational opportunities, and recognizing excellence in teaching in School District 200.

Good Efforts Pay Off acknowledges academic efforts of students during the school year.

This program is designed to reinforce the importance of hard work and diligent study by offering incentives to students each grading period. Your business' participation not only provides reinforcement to the student, but brings community awareness to your partnership in the greater learning community of Wheaton. [Registration for participation](#) is necessary.

Chamber Members Lend-a-hand joins other members as we pitch in and help out at one of our not-for-profit sites. Have your organization participate in meaningful teaming, working side-by-side in a food pantry, thrift store, N.E.W. 200 Fun Run, or other non-profits to help these vital community organizations with their important mission.

Philanthropic efforts will be recognized through:

- A sidebar in the ***Advantage*** newsletter
- A quarterly press release that highlights Member philanthropy
- Placement of your logo next to the nonprofit's logo, whenever they are mentioned in Chamber communications
- Acknowledgement in school PTA newsletters
- An acknowledgement certificate suitable for display in your business

Please contact the Chamber office for additional information.