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**BLUECROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS SUPPORTS
POPULAR PARK DISTRICT EVENTS**

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[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is excited to announce a generous \$5,000 gift from **BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois** in support of three very popular Park District events. The Park District will recognize **BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois** as the Presenting sponsor of the [53rd Annual International Carillon Festival](#) and Title Sponsor of both the Music in the Park and Movie in the Park events.

Furthermore, funds for the Carillon Festival Fireworks have also been secured. Thanks to gifts from the Rees Carillon Society, the Springfield Parks Foundation and other generous donors, the Festival Firework will take place on Friday, June 6 at 9:15 pm. (Rain date is Saturday, June 7.)

Park Board President Leslie Sgro, “We are privileged and thrilled to receive such an overwhelming response to our sponsorship drive from the local community. My sincere thanks to all the sponsors who have so generously stepped forward to fund the overall Carillon Festival as well as the Fireworks show. The annual fireworks show has become a much anticipated event that provides thousands of families throughout central Illinois with a unique recreational activity in which we can all share together.”

“We are grateful for the generous support of BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois, which enables us to continue the artistic excellence and community tradition of our prestigious Carillon Festival as well as our Music and Movie in the Parks programs,” notes Park District Executive Director Derek Harms. The gift will be used to underwrite fees for visiting professional carillonners and the Festival’s special Lincoln-theme concert as well as various program and audio/visual needs associated with all three events.

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