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Rain Comes to Play, Party Carries On at Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association's 10th Annual Summer Bash Celebration

Northbrook – August 29, 2019 – A few light showers couldn't dampen the high spirits at Summer Bash on Wednesday, August 14, the annual end-of-summer party hosted by Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA). Hosted this year at Park Center in Glenview, participants, families and supporters soaked up every bit of fun and sunshine, even staying to dance through sunset, before heading home.

"Summer Bash is one of my favorite evenings every year," said NSSRA Executive Director Craig Culp. "This year we got some sunshine, a little rain, and thankfully clear skies to finish the night. Even with the weather, we still had a great time."

Nearly 350 people gathered on the green behind Park Center for food, live music from band Recycle the Day and one last 'bash' together to mark summer's end. Attendees also enjoyed playing lawn games, balloon art by Jensen Entertainment and creative face painting from artist Amy Lee.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't seem to shake some rain again this year, but that didn't stop everyone from celebrating together," commented NSSRA Recreation Specialist Abby Whalen. "There were tons of smiles, and the music, food, entertainment and enthusiasm from our community made the night magical," she concluded.

Founded in 1970, NSSRA serves approximately 1,800 children, teens and adults with disabilities living in its partner communities throughout the northern suburbs. With over 500 recreation, sport, cultural and social offerings available during the day, after school, in the evenings and on weekends, NSSRA is dedicated to creating new experiences, opportunities for leisure time, skill development and perhaps most importantly, friendship.

The evening was sponsored by NSSRA Foundation, allowing participants, families and staff to attend free of charge. Local business and family sponsors included Transwestern (Presenting Sponsor), Call One (Tent Sponsor), Binstein Family (Dinner Sponsor), D&R Autoworks of Highland Park (Dinner Sponsor), Woodhouse Tinucci Architects (Dinner Sponsor), Trane (Photography Sponsor), Willow Lake Orthodontics (Photography Sponsor) and The Dry Cleaning Factory (Sign Sponsor).

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Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association Foundation (NSSRA Foundation) was established in 1997 to support the mission of NSSRA by raising and granting supplemental funding. NSSRA Foundation raises funds throughout the year with all proceeds benefiting the Association. The Foundation, in conjunction with NSSRA, hosts annual events for all donors, supporters and families. The Foundation also raises funds through solicitation of grants and their annual Holiday Appeal. Throughout the year, NSSRA Foundation receives generous support from many individuals, corporations, foundations, businesses and community organizations. For more information about NSSRA Foundation visit www.nssrafoundation.org.