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NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES
PLATINUM NON-PROFIT RATING BY CANDID/GUIDESTAR

The Norwood Park Historical Society was awarded a platinum rating, the highest that can be accorded to a non-profit organization rated by Candid/Guidestar, a national information service that specializes in reporting on U.S. non-profit companies and corporations.

“This is a great achievement for our 50-year-old organization,” said Judy McIntyre, president. “It reinforces our stewardship of donated funds and their use for what they were intended. We are pleased to have achieved the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum steps to reach this pinnacle, and invite donors to examine our organization and then consider contributing during our Annual Appeal to help maintain and preserve Chicago’s oldest house.”

To achieve this ranking, the organization needed to demonstrate contact and donation information, outline its mission, provide a list of programs, financials, people involved, leader demographics, strategy, and a metrics outline to achieve this level.

“In 2023, our leadership formulated an eleven-point plan, ranked by priority and progressed toward achieving it,” McIntyre said. “One measurable goal was to add new members. That year, we added 101 new individual, family and business memberships, resulting in 124 new members. This helped put us over the top in reaching the platinum level.”

The NPHS, founded in 1973, purchased the historic Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave. in Chicago, in 1987, and restored the interior to the early-1920s, to reflect the period shortly after the Stuart Crippen family purchased the house and grounds in 1916. The house was later identified as being built in 1833, making it the oldest house in Chicago. The house was declared a Chicago Landmark on May 11, 1988, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 10, 2000.

Docent-led tours are available on Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., or by special appointment. For more information, call the Norwood Park Historical Society at 773-631-4633 or visit their website at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.