



JOAN McCARTHY LASONDE FOR CONGRESS

460 Winnetka Ave. — Suite 1
Winnetka, IL 60093
(847) 430-4590
www.joanforcongress.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: T.J. Brown (847) 278-0174
Phyllis Swartz (630) 778-9191

LASONDE TO RECEIVE ILLINOIS CRIME COMMISSION AWARD

'Protector of the Family' honors Congressional candidate's work as Foster Parent

OAK BROOK, Illinois – Wilmette resident and Congressional candidate Joan McCarthy Lasonde (IL-9) will receive the 'Protector of the Family' Award from the Illinois State Crime Commission at its 20th Annual Salute to Those Who Make A Difference Award Dinner Wednesday night at Drury Lane in Oak Brook.

Lasonde, a DCFS-licensed foster parent, and her husband Greg have been raising a 7-year old girl ever since 2013. Besides providing for the girl, Lasonde has also helped the girl's half-brother escape an abusive foster home and find a new home this past year.

A recent addition to the ISCC board, Lasonde has become an advocate against child abuse and exploitation, hosting an emergency summit on heroin abuse and teenage human sex trafficking last month in Wilmette. This event attracted a host of leaders in law enforcement and educated the public on how widespread both issues are, even in areas like the North Shore.

"I am humbled and honored by the Illinois State Crime Commission," Lasonde said. "I will always fight for society's most vulnerable."

Lasonde entered the realm of politics this year when she launched a bid to challenge a nine-term incumbent for Congress.

The Illinois State Crime Commission/Police Athletic League of Illinois is a non-profit guided youth organization with a mission to reduce juvenile delinquency and promote positive interaction between law enforcement and communities, relying heavily on athletics and recreational activities to tighten this bond. It is the largest and fastest-growing not-for-profit organization committed to combating public corruption and strengthening the Illinois criminal justice system in this state,

Founded in 1994, the ISCC/PAL has developed from a small group of concerned citizens committed to public safety and law enforcement. The Commission's goal is to offer insightful, creative legislative solutions and assist law enforcement agencies to prevent crime in our communities through a unique blend of awareness and activities. For more information, go to <http://www.illinoiscrimecommission.com>.

###