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**ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT** MAKING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

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## Community Volunteer “The Undertaker” Returns out of Retirement

**Rockford, IL** – After a year of retirement, “The Undertaker” recently announced that he is returning with a new focus on providing outreach entertainment programs to families and neighborhoods.

Over the past 25 years, the Rockford Park District has had the privilege of working with “The Undertaker,” who has provided numerous recreational opportunities for children, youth, and their families. The nickname “The Undertaker” came about because as a humanitarian, he was known to undertake things no one else would. “The Undertaker” was a longtime volunteer with the Park District and through his efforts, supported a variety of area events. Through his generous efforts and sponsors, many events he was involved with were provided free of charge for the public. He was associated with conducting the World’s Largest Egg Hunt in 2005, earning the recognition from the Worlds Guinness World of Records.

His main purpose is to give back to the community and afford opportunities to those less fortunate. Over the years, the “The Undertaker” rallied support from numerous motorcycle organizations, local politicians, individual sponsors, and many area businesses. Volunteer and financial support from the community funds the programming efforts that “The Undertaker” provides.

In 2010, “The Undertaker” returned in true fashion of giving back to the community. With the help of volunteers, the Rockford Housing Authority, and anonymous donors at Washington Park Community Center, Fairgrounds Valley Residence, Orton Keyes, and Olson Plaza, “The Undertaker” served over 500 families and seniors with a holiday meal, musical entertainment, and toy giveaways.

“Thousands of children and families have benefited from his generosity. We are looking forward to welcoming The Undertaker out of retirement and back into community service serving area youth and families,” said Rockford Park District Executive Director Tim Dimke. “The Undertaker has committed his time and talents to assist with the Park District’s Community Egg Hunt, a Buzzard Egg Hunt during Lockwood Park’s Halloween activities, and hosted a holiday party and toy giveaway at Washington Park Community Center,” he continued.

Those wishing to donate to “The Undertaker’s” family activities may do so by contacting the Rockford Park District Foundation, 401 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101, 815-987-1630.

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