

## **Cantigny 5K Proceeds Donated to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans**

**WHEATON, IL, November 11, 2011** — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, tonight awarded a check for \$14,500 to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) in Wheaton. The donation, presented during the park's Veterans Day observance, represents net proceeds from the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Cantigny 5K Run/Walk, held last Saturday.

"All of us here at Cantigny want to thank the runners, walkers and race sponsors who made this contribution possible," said Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park. "It's great to see the community rally behind a local grass-roots organization that does so much for veterans who need a helping hand."

This year's donation to MSHV was nearly double the 2010 amount of \$7,300 thanks in large part to generous support by General Motors (title sponsor) and Engineering Resource Associates (activity sponsor).

The Cantigny 5K field was a sellout with all 900 positions filled. The larger field, up from 800 in 2010, contributed to the increase in race proceeds. In addition, cash donations to MSHV from participating runners and walkers totaled \$1,600 – money contributed on top of the required entry fees.

Bob Adams, MSHV president, accepted the \$14,500 check from Herbert.

"We at the Midwest Shelter are so grateful for all the hard work of the Cantigny staff and American Legion Post 556 at Cantigny," said Adams. "We promise to put this wonderful donation to good use to help our veterans."

MSHV also receives funding from Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion, based at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park. Post 556 collected and donated more than \$5,000 to MSHV in 2011, not including in-kind contributions.

The legionnaires hosted a pancake breakfast at Cantigny during the 5K that attracted more than 400 patrons. Some of the money raised will go to MSHV, which is Post 556's primary community service activity.

Including the Cantigny 5K, Post 556 donations and \$4,000 in Robert R. McCormick Foundation matching funds, Cantigny Park generated more than \$23,000 in cash for MSHV in 2011.

MSHV is located at 119 N. West Street in Wheaton. It is a transitional housing program that provides counseling, access to health care, and education and job-training services to U.S. veterans of any era. Its mission is to assist veterans who are homeless and help them back to leading useful, productive lives. To learn more, visit the shelter's website at [helpaveteran.org](http://helpaveteran.org).

Next year's Cantigny 5K Run/Walk will be November 3, 2012. Online registration begins in April at [SignMeUp.com](http://SignMeUp.com).

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**About Cantigny Park**

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick. It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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