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**CANTIGNY 5K PROCEEDS DONATED TO
MIDWEST SHELTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

Wheaton, Ill., November 11, 2016 — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, today awarded a check for \$18,000 to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) in Wheaton. The donation, presented on Veterans Day, represents net proceeds from the 13th annual Cantigny 5K Run/Walk on November 5.

The check amount included cash donations from participating runners and walkers totaling \$2,650—money contributed in addition to required entry fees! For the second straight year, Topgolf in Naperville sponsored the event, further boosting the amount of money raised.

This year's donation to the shelter was the largest ever from the Cantigny 5K. The race has now generated more than \$93,000 for MSHV since 2008, the event's first year of association with the shelter.

MSHV also receives funding from Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion, based at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park. The legionnaires hosted a pancake breakfast at Cantigny during the 5K that attracted 645 patrons and \$1,300 in direct donations to the shelter. MSHV is the primary community service activity of Post 556.

The shelter, located in downtown Wheaton, operates a transitional housing program with counseling, access to health care, and education and job-training services for U.S. veterans of any era. Its mission is to serve those who served our nation, and their families, by providing housing and supportive services that lead to self-sufficiency. To learn more, visit the shelter's website at helpaveteran.org.

The next Cantigny 5K will take place on November 4, 2017.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre former estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick located in Wheaton, Illinois. Celebrating 60 years in 2015, 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, can be found online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, a full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy, and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

Photo caption: Cantigny Park presented a check on Veterans Day to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) in Wheaton. From left: Paul Herbert, executive director, First Division Museum at Cantigny Park; Lou Marsico, senior vice president of operations, Cantigny Park/Robert R. McCormick Foundation; Yvonne MacDonald-Hames, director of development, MSHV; Jane Tyschenko-Mysliwicz, executive director, MSHV; Matt LaFond, executive director, Cantigny Park; and Magan Ascher, director of visitor services, Cantigny Park.