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## **Local Youth Programs Receive Big Boost from State Rep. Sandy Cole**

GRAYSLAKE – State Representative Sandy Cole (R-Grayslake) announced today that \$87,000.00 in state grants have been released in the 62<sup>nd</sup> District for community youth projects.

*The Oasis*, Grayslake's new community youth center, received \$75,000.00 to replace a leaky roof and help to pay the renovation expenses incurred from an unexpected asbestos abatement of the building that houses the center.

“Receiving this grant is the icing on the cake. Hundreds of people in Grayslake and surrounding communities have put time, money and effort into building *The Oasis/The Grayslake Youth Center NFP, Inc.*, to provide our teens a safe and sane place to go after school and on weekends,” Joyce Campbell commented. “This money ensures our teens will have a sound and secure building for years to come. For all the students who have dreamed of this for years, this is proof that dreams really do come true. All of us at *The Oasis* are grateful for Representative Cole's determination to assist in making those dreams come true!”

The Village of Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center received a \$12,000.00 grant for the purchase of programming equipment for the center's summer youth camps.

“Representative Cole recognized the need for equipment that will help empower our children, and she worked hard to get it for our community,” said Judy Armstrong, President of the Cultural and Civic Center Foundation.

The grants were part of \$600,000 in funding, secured by Representative Cole, for the Grayslake, Gurnee, Hainesville, Wildwood, Grandwood Park, Long Lake, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake Park areas. The designated funding for twelve local community projects was part of the FY 2008 budget agreement adopted by the Illinois General Assembly on August 10, 2007.

“I am very happy to have obtained these funds on behalf of *The Oasis* and the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center,” stated Representative Cole. “Youth programs are an important part of our community, and these grants will help to provide safe and fun places for our children when they are not in school.”

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