The Crystal Lake Strikers Drumline Crystal Lake, Illinois

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## CRYSTAL LAKE STRIKERS ANNOUNCE BARRINGTON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARD

CRYSTAL LAKE, IL – The Crystal Lake Strikers today announce that they have earned a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation (BACF) to support expansion of the organization's award-winning Kingpins program for special needs students.

The Kingpins Drumline is a cooperative effort led by the Strikers with the Northern Illinois Recreation Association (NISRA) designed to bring the excitement of drumming to students with special needs. Over the nearly two years of the program, membership has more than doubled. The program leads students to a greater appreciation of music by playing percussion instrument with recorded music. The group has performed at the sold-out Strikers Evening of Percussion, parades, and at Tim Tebow's Night to Shine.

The growth of the Kingpins has led to a desire to expand the reach beyond its home in Crystal Lake. The generous grant from BACF will provide transportation and equipment to make that dream possible.

"We are thrilled that the Barrington Area Community Foundation sees the value of the Kingpins and has agreed to support it," said Strikers board member Dale Hallerberg, "We can now bring the program from McHenry County to northwest Cook County and reach more students with this opportunity."

The Crystal Lake Strikers is a performing arts organization that provides a performance outlet for adult drummers and education for local students. The Garage Store, Home State Bank, Althoff Industries, the Foglia Family Foundation, Phoenix Woodworking and Ormsby Motors are corporate sponsors. To learn more about the Strikers, visit www.clstrikers.com.

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