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HEALTH CARE EDITION

MAJOR NEW INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

NorthShore University HealthSystem Highland Park Hospital boasts a new Women's Hospital with state-of-the-art labor and delivery facilities, a new advanced medical/surgical unit, and an advanced pulmonary diagnostics program—the only program of its kind in the northern suburbs. The transformation will continue with a new cardiac catheterization and interventional radiology suite and an expanded emergency department. **Advocate Condell Medical Center** in Libertyville recently opened a new Immediate Injury Clinic, a new Advocate Surgery Center in Libertyville, as well as new regional Immediate Care Centers throughout the county, and Advocate Clinics at Walgreens. **Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital** will open a stunning new nearly 500,000 square foot hospital on its campus in Spring 2018. The new building has been designed with features that optimize patient care, such as streamlined patient room layouts and decentralized nursing stations, all while promoting healing and calm through features like the arced building orientation, which maximizes views of a stunning waterfall and reflection pond.

LOCAL HOSPITALS RECOGNIZED FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has recognized five Lake County hospitals with its highest honor for nursing excellence. **Advocate Condell Medical Center** (Libertyville), **Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital** (Barrington), **Cancer Treatment Center of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center** (Zion), **NorthShore University HealthSystem Highland Park Hospital**, and **Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital** all received the prized Magnet designation for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice.

LIVING IN LAKE COUNTY IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Lake County ranked 6th out of 102 counties in Illinois for health outcomes (measured by length of life and quality of life) according to the 2017 County Health Rankings, released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. This represents a steady increase in rankings over the past three years.

HEALTH CARE CAREERS ARE ECONOMIC DRIVERS

The health care industry employs nearly 27,000 workers in Lake County—a number that is expected to grow 6.4% by 2020. Health care workers in Lake County earned more than $1.8 trillion in wages last year, and many occupations within the field are on career pathways with clearly defined opportunities for advancement. (EMSI)

HEALTH CARE EMPLOYERS STAND OUT

Northwestern Memorial HealthCare is among the 100 best places to work for the 17th consecutive year, according to *Working Mother* magazine, and has been identified as one of the Top 10 Nonprofits for Executive Women for the 9th consecutive year by the National Association for Female Executives. **NorthShore University HealthSystem's** Nursing Scholarship Fund provided financial support for continuing education to a record 450 nurses in 2017. Employees also give back through the annual *Sharing Our Spirit* campaign by providing financial contributions and volunteer time to charities such as the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. **Advocate Health Care** has been named a Chicago Tribune Top Workplace, and was listed as one of the Top 12 Hospitals and Health Systems by Diversity Inc. Advocate has also created the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative, an innovative program to provide training, mentorship and wrap around services to support those seeking to enter health care professions. The program will train more than 1,000 individuals by 2020.

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