

## Dear Itasca Residents:

### Saving lives – that’s what Haymarket Center is about.

It’s been our mission since 1975 when Monsignor Ignatius McDermott (“Father Mac”) and Dr. James West, the Betty Ford Clinic Medical Director, opened our doors. Saving lives is what drives us to bring evidence-based treatment to DuPage County for anyone seeking to overcome substance use disorders, regardless of ability to pay.

The opportunity to save lives inspires us to move ahead with our proposal for a comprehensive behavioral health clinic in the Holiday Inn Itasca. We truly understand that Itasca is your home and that you want what’s best for your community. Respectfully, we believe that Haymarket DuPage can and will make Itasca, and all of DuPage County, a better and safer place.

We are reaching out to ask you to consider the following information regarding our proposal to the Village.

### Crisis at Hand

When the grip of the substance use epidemic took hold, our patients increasingly came from outside Cook County. In 2017-2018, we had more than 2,000 patients from [DuPage](#) and the collar counties at our nonprofit West Loop facility.

Studies confirm that people with substance use disorders have better outcomes if they receive treatment close to home and are then transitioned back to their daily lives and routine with resources crucial to success. And when someone is ready to get help, a delay in being admitted for treatment can truly be a life-or-death situation (the waiting list in the region can be 6-8 weeks long).

### Treatment that Works

Adults 18 and over will receive a full continuum of health care services at Haymarket DuPage, including primary care. The facility will be [staffed with](#) medical physicians, psychiatrists, licensed counselors, nurses, case managers and a broad team of professionals. On any given day, Haymarket DuPage will care for approximately 250 individuals in inpatient, outpatient and recovery support programs. [Treatment](#) is adapted to suit each patient’s individual needs through a medical assessment that meets the criteria of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

**2018 in DuPage**  
**98 overdose deaths**  
**592 non-fatal overdoses**  
— DuPage County  
Health Department

**87% of individuals report a reduction in substance use**  
**279% increase in patients employed**

\*Results of independent evaluation of our recovery coaching program

**More than 57,000 DuPage County residents went without the recovery services they needed last year.**

— Illinois Department of Human Services

**160+ jobs for highly-trained professionals**

## Concerns & Responses

We have heard feedback that Itasca is too small of a town for our DuPage location, specifically because of the loss of tax dollars and potential impact on first responders.

**Tax Impact:** Taxing bodies (village, schools, county, township, fire district, college district, park district, etc.) collected approximately \$188,000 in property taxes from the Holiday Inn last year. Itasca also received an estimated \$52,500 in revenue from the hotel's operation. As a nonprofit health care facility, Haymarket will not pay property taxes, but will create far more jobs than the hotel. Also, Haymarket has been successful in obtaining grants and funding to benefit other communities, and we are committed to working hand-in-hand with the Village and other affected government entities to do the same here.

**911 Calls:** We have been asked to estimate how many 911 calls we anticipate at the Itasca facility. An inaccurate total number of 911 calls at our West Loop facility has been circulated, which mischaracterizes and inflates our actual call volume. At the public hearing on our zoning application, we will provide the community with a comprehensive 911 analysis and projections for 911 calls. The estimated impact is significantly less than what has been reported. Nonetheless, we have heard your concerns, and in response, we have contracted with a private ambulance service to be our first responder to all advanced life safety (ALS) and basic life safety (BLS) calls from the new facility.

## Beacon of Hope

This brief letter may not answer every question. We encourage you to visit [HaymarketDuPage.org](http://HaymarketDuPage.org) for more information and come to the Itasca Plan Commission hearing on [October 16](#).

Saving lives is paramount to everything we do. We want to be a beacon of hope for so many in Itasca and the surrounding communities. Please give us a chance to become a neighbor and a partner you will be proud to have in your Village. Together, we can save lives.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Dan Lustig, Psy.D., MISA II, CAADC**  
*President & CEO of Haymarket Center*

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*We need to address the opioid crisis holistically. A key component will be to expand the number of treatment beds available in DuPage County. Haymarket can help to bridge that gap, particularly for those most in need.*

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— Dr. Dan Sullivan, Chief Medical Officer, Edward-Elmhurst Health

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*Haymarket is a great neighbor and community partner and has been a leader in helping to revitalize the West Loop. The reason that the opioid epidemic is ravaging our nation is that there are not enough facilities like Haymarket Center.*

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— Roger Romanelli, Fulton Market Association Executive Director

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*Haymarket believed in me and got me to where I am today. I've lost so many friends and they all lived in the vicinity of Itasca. I want to say to my neighbors, we have an opportunity to change the world for the better. Haymarket does save lives. They saved mine.*

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— Dominic Ranieri, Itasca resident

## Itasca Plan Commission Hearing

*Wednesday, October 16  
7 p.m.  
Lake Park High School – West Campus  
500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.,  
Roselle*

