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Maureen Burns with The HAP Foundation receives Notable Leaders in Healthcare Award

Nominated by Disability Lead for award from Crain's Chicago Business

[The HAP Foundation](#) announces that Maureen Burns, Senior Community Education Associate, receives Crain's Chicago Business Notable Leaders in Healthcare Award. As an impactful public health educator, who is Deaf and uses a Cochlear Implant, she was nominated by [Disability Lead](#), a network of Members and Fellows who lead with their disability identity to create better, equitable, and more inclusive communities.

"Maureen has a passion for increasing access to care for underserved populations," said Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation. "She is a collaborative leader, who is always seeking more equitable, compassionate, and just delivery of health care. We are proud of her and this most deserving recognition and look forward on what's to come."

At The HAP Foundation, Maureen serves as a frontline public health professional and acts as a bridge between her community in West Ridge and providers of end-of-life care. She offers free community-based education on end-of-life topics including, hospice and palliative care, advanced directives, grief support, and cultural considerations. The goal of this education is to ensure that end-of-life care is accessible to all and delivered in culturally affirming ways. Additionally, Maureen serves in mentoring and training Community Health Workers and collaborating with health systems and stakeholders to drive research and workforce development in the post-acute care arena.

"We are so proud of Maureen not only because she was selected for this important recognition, but she truly exemplifies what it means to be a leader with a disability who is committed to equitable and inclusive change," Emily Blum, Executive Director of Disability Lead. "Health care and all spaces need more leaders like her!"

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About the HAP Foundation:

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice and palliative care for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and



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palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life.

