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## *Rep. Feigenholtz Commends Weiss Memorial Hospital for Governor's Award*

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) on Wednesday applauded Weiss Memorial Hospital for their honor of a 2011 Governor's Home Town Award.

The Governor's Home Town Awards Program recognizes volunteers, organizations and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to their communities. Weiss Memorial Hospital was recognized for the volunteerism exemplified by their Uptown Farmers Market and Urban Rooftop Farm.

"Weiss Memorial Hospital has taken preventative care to a new level with their farmers market and rooftop garden," Feigenholtz said. "Weiss excels at bringing the community together around the concepts of living healthily and eating well, as evidenced by their efforts to make fresh, locally grown foods accessible in the Uptown neighborhood. Weiss should consider themselves leaders in progressive healthcare that emphasizes the healthiest day to day lifestyle."

The garden and farmers market are a part of the hospital's "Health for Life" initiative that focuses on key health factors, diet and exercise to encourage healthier living habits. In addition to the urban garden and bee farm on the top deck of the parking garage, the hospital also sells its produce at the Uptown Farmers Market, hosted weekly in the hospital's parking lot.

"I am thrilled that the judges recognized the positive impact of Weiss' health initiatives on this community," said Feigenholtz. "This award is a testament to the hard work of the staff and the volunteers who are thinking outside of the box and making programs like these possible even in our concrete, urban environment."

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