

## AT A GLANCE...

### What Does a County Rep Do?

#### DEFINITION

County Representatives are volunteer moms and dads who represent their local communities and act as a liaison between the parents in their area and the university.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

-The responsibility of a County Rep is to serve as a resource person in your local area to provide information and support to other Illini parents. As a County Representative, your contact information will be listed on the Parent Programs website, so that parents in your area will know how to reach you. Through your experience as an Illini parent, you can offer valuable encouragement and insight to other parents.

-Publicizing Moms and Dads Associations events in the local media, e.g., the Illini Parents 101 Workshop in the fall, Dads Weekend, Moms Weekend, etc.

#### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

-Attending Illini Parents 101 workshop and any other County Rep training workshops  
Attending Moms and/or Dads Weekends and volunteering during the Associations' events.

-Volunteering as a parent representative during Orange & Blue Days in the Fall, Admitted Student Days in the Spring, or the Summer Registration Program.

#### BENEFITS

-Advance notice of Associations events.

-Information about the university that you may not otherwise know and interaction with other Illini parents, university faculty and staff.

-Because the Moms and Dads Associations are non-profit organizations, the expenses you incur while traveling to campus for the Associations' business may be tax deductible.

-Opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of the Moms or Dads Associations.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Depending on your time and interest, some County Representatives organize local programs for parents in their home communities. For example, some activities have been chartering buses to bring parents to campus for the Associations' events, organizing a potluck picnic for students and their families, hosting tailgate or care package parties, and starting a local Moms Club.