



GATX Corporation

## Community Involvement at GATX

### Volunteering & Community Service

GATX encourages employees to volunteer in their communities and offers opportunities to tutor, mentor, build playgrounds, paint schools, work at food banks and shelters and participate in food, clothing and toy collection drives.



GATX's partnership with Make-A-Wish Illinois started with employee giving in 1996. Since then, GATX and its employees have given more than \$1 million to support the organization's mission to grant wishes to children in Illinois with life-threatening conditions. We are proud to be the largest single corporate donor to Make-A-Wish Illinois.



While GATX employees have volunteered with the Big Shoulders Fund for many years, GATX Corporation became a new participant in the Big Shoulder Fund's Patrons Program in 2015. The Patrons Program establishes direct, long-term relationships between Patrons and inner-city schools in Chicago with the goal of providing these schools with funding and the tools to ensure every child gets the best education possible.

### Commitment to the Environment

Highlights of our longstanding commitment to the environment include GATX's contributions to, and volunteer projects in association with, Openlands and the Shedd Aquarium.



Openlands is an environmental conservation organization that is committed to urban conservation in the greater Chicago region. As one of the first organizations in the United States to address environmental issues within a metropolitan region, Openlands focuses on people as much as nature. Over the years, Openlands has helped to protect more than 55,000 acres of land for public parks and forest preserves, wildlife refuges, land and water greenway corridors, urban farms and community gardens. GATX employees donate their time and effort to numerous projects with Openlands each year. These projects typically involve planting, caring for and maintaining trees at various locations in the Chicago metropolitan area.



The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois, is deeply vested in the conservation of wildlife, especially in the Great Lakes region. GATX has participated in many volunteer projects in collaboration with the Shedd over the year, including cleaning up trash from beach along the Illinois shoreline on Lake Michigan, weeding in grassland areas of beaches, clearing out the habitat for amphibians in wooded areas, and removing invasive species of plants like buckthorn from area forest preserves.