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GARY L. URWILER

Gary L. Urwiler was named Executive Director of Mooseheart Child City & School on an interim basis on Dec. 21, 2012; the Mooseheart Board of Directors made the appointment permanent on Jan. 8, 2013.

Urwiler had previously served as Superintendent of Education and Principal for the campus's K-12 school system since August 2003. Since 2004, he has also served as Mooseheart's head football coach.

Gary had previously served Mooseheart as Dean of Students, Athletic Director and head football coach from August 1995 through May 2000.

From 1992-1995 and 2000-2003, Gary had been a teacher, coach and administrator with West Aurora, IL School District 129.

Gary is a product of the Mooseheart campus that he now leads. He is a member of the Mooseheart Class of 1987, having first come to the Child City in 1981 at age 12, sponsored by Riverside, NJ Lodge 279. He quarterbacked the Red Ramblers football team to two straight unbeaten regular seasons in 1985 and 1986. Following graduation, he went to Eureka (IL) College—and quarterbacked the undefeated Red Devils, who were ranked 3rd in the nation in Division III and NAIA Division II. During his senior year, he also led the nation in NCAA Division III passing (quarterback rating) in 1991. Gary has also received the honor of being named "Football Coach of the Year" in 1996 by the Aurora (IL) Beacon News; he was named "Chicago Bears Coach of the Week" late in the 2011 season.

Gary received a bachelor's degree from Eureka in secondary education in 1992, and a master's degree in educational administration in 2001 from Aurora (IL) University.

Gary joined Aurora, IL Lodge 400 in 1994; he later transferred membership to Mooseheart, IL Lodge 2655. He elevated to Mecca (IL) Moose Legion 9 in 1999. A member of the Century Division of the Moose 25 Club, Gary received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2009. He also served as "Junior Governor" of Mooseheart Lodge from 2006-2007 and later became "Governor" of the Mooseheart Lodge for two terms 2008 and 2011.

Gary and his wife Donna were married at the Mooseheart House of God in 1997. They are the parents of three sons: Zachery, Quinton, and Trey. The Urwilers reside on the Mooseheart campus.

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