

## APPLAUSE

### Actor in Steppenwolf play

Joliet native Ricardo Gutierrez will be one of the actors featured in Steppenwolf's upcoming premiere adaptation of "The House on Mango Street," Oct. 13 to Nov. 1.

Gutierrez will portray Papa, Uncle Nacho, Alicia's father and Mr. Benny.

Tickets are available online at [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org).

### Certified in disabilities

Amie Clarke, of Trinity Services Inc. in Joliet, was one of the first graduates of the Certificate in Developmental Disabilities Program of the National Association of Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals (NAQ).

NAQ, together with Minot State University, established the program to provide advanced training to professionals.

### Easter Seals dinner

The annual dinner for Easter



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**David Silverman pass the gavel to Pamela Mott, the new board chairman of Easter Seals.**

Seals Joliet Region was held Sept. 22 at Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center's Community Conference facility in Joliet.

Pamela Mott, chief human resources officer for Christian Brothers Services in Romeoville, was installed as Easter

Seals board chairman. David Silverman, a partner in Mahoney, Silverman & Cross Ltd., was recognized as outgoing chairman.

Fran Miller, of Minooka, was installed as vice chairman; Wayne Chesson, of Channahon, will continue as treasurer;

and Pamela Heavens, of Joliet, will continue as secretary.

New directors installed include Jillian Lyon, a physical therapist and president of Joliet Junior Woman's Club; Joseph Monocchio, vice president of First Midwest Bank trust division; Erin Soper, senior account manager for Converging Networks; Jeff Taylor, a partner in Spesia, Ayers and Ardaugh; and Darren Van Dover, general manager of Harrah's Joliet Casino.

Stan Born, Sheri Ritchey, Matt Ryan and Nick Veronda were recognized for their board service.

Lauren Galloway, a sophomore at Morris Community High School, served as the guest speaker with her topic titled "Handicapped Inaccessibility."

Staff were recognized for years of service to Easter Seals. Christine Tomasino was honored for 30 years of service and Donna Ballak for 25 years.