

Congratulations JOHN ERICKSON

Making a Difference: Skyline Plunge! Chicago Award

Kovitz Investment Group's Senior Financial Advisor John Erickson was recently recognized with Respiratory Health Association's *Making a Difference: Skyline Plunge! Chicago* award for his continued support of the event.

Hosted by Respiratory Health Association, Skyline Plunge! Chicago participants rappel 27 stories down the Wit Hotel at State and Lake Streets to raise funds and awareness for lung disease research and programs. John dedicated his rappels to the memory of a family friend who passed away from lung cancer. Adding to his motivation, John is visually impaired and 'likes doing stuff that people think he can't do.'



Photo: John Erickson received an award from Respiratory Health Association for his commitment to the organization. He is pictured here with Joel Africk, president and chief executive officer, and Gina Schwieger, senior director of special events, at an award ceremony in December.

In 2010, John rappelled alongside his twin brother, Pete. In 2011 and 2012, he was joined by two nephews, and in 2012 he stepped over the edge again with a college friend. In addition to supporting the association through Plunge!, John climbed 94 stories in the association's Hustle Up the Hancock. In all, John has raised more than \$6,300 for Respiratory Health Association's work.

Funds raised by Respiratory Health Association's events support local lung disease research and programs, including lung cancer research, classes to teach children how to manage their asthma and an annual educational conference for people living with COPD. Each year, Respiratory Health Association honors top supporters with Making a Difference awards. Learn more at lungchicago.org/making-a-difference.