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Gori Julian donates \$200,000 to Aquatic Center

EDWARDSVILLE — Gori Julian & Associates, Inc., P.C., is donating \$200,000 in support of the Edwardsville District 7's Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center.

In December, District 7 announced a donation of \$4 million by an Edwardsville native to build an aquatic center with an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Named in memory of an Edwardsville High School graduate and longtime swimmer, the Chuck Fruit Aquatic Center will be located on the grounds of the District 7 Sports Complex. It is being built adjacent to the Jon Davis Wrestling Center directly across from the Edwardsville High School on Center Grove Road in Edwardsville. The Aquatic Center is designed to provide the Edwardsville High School with a more competitive swim program.

The donation of \$200,000 by Gori Julian & Associates will help supplement additional needed funds for the facility and falls in line with Gori Julian's commitment to community service.

"We are passionate about supporting local charities and our community through volunteer work, initiating

our own fund-raising efforts and through cash donations. We felt it was important to help support this project because we wanted a way to help make District 7 schools even better for the children of our many employees and our clients whose kids attend school in Edwardsville. We also recognize that this project will allow our community to continue to thrive as a great place to work, live and raise a family," said firm partner Randy Gori.

The firm's partners raised nearly \$85,000 last year for the American Cancer Society at its Mardi Gras Ball, hold an annual pub crawl and a cycling event in support of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, and continue to work with organizations to support causes by donating both time and money.

"We feel a firm of our size should give back to the community and should support causes that matter to us, our many attorneys, our clients and those who have helped our firm in its success as one of the largest asbestos and pharmaceutical litigation firms in the Midwest," Gori said.