



Getting to know **PATRICK MARTIN** meet your neighbor

The month of June is all about celebrating the official start to summer, the warm days us Midwesterners cherish so much, and of course our fathers. And this month, *Glen Ellyn Living* couldn't be more honored to introduce you to one special dad, Patrick Martin, Glen Ellyn resident and head of the Midwest government relations practice at Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies.

Patrick and his wife Caitlin moved to Glen Ellyn in 2019 as they were looking for a great community to raise their young children, daughter Lucy and son George, now 3 ½ and 1 ½ respectively. And today, they cannot imagine living anywhere else. Neighbors who were once strangers just two short years ago now feel like family to the Martins.

Patrick jokes that he aspires to be an official ambassador for Glen Ellyn, always boasting to his friends and colleagues about his love of our town. From family bike rides to Blackberry Market on Saturday mornings to pick up cinnamon rolls, to date nights out at Fire and Wine and A Toda Madre, the Martins are always discovering something new! And Patrick knows, just from hearing from locals who were raised in Glen Ellyn only to return so that their children could benefit from the same experience, that our town is truly special.

Patrick is in love with all things Glen Ellyn, but he is also extremely passionate about giving back. And recently, he has been named to the Board of Directors of Rainbows for All Children, a national non-profit organization based in suburban Chicago, focused on providing support for children navigating trauma or loss.

"We are thrilled to have Patrick join our Board," said Stephanie Garrity, Executive Director of

Rainbows for All Children. "Patrick was a stand-out candidate in his strong personal motivation to advocate for our programs and services as he greatly benefited from Rainbows as a child when his parents divorced."

"We are proud of Patrick in his new role on the Board of Rainbows for All Children," said Jeremy Glenn, managing partner of Cozen O'Connor's Chicago office. "I know personally the amazing work done by Rainbows in helping children and families cope with emotional trauma and loss. The work is more important now than ever, and Patrick continues to distinguish himself in both his professional career and in giving back generously to the larger community."

Patrick is a dedicated member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, participating in local clubs in both Chicago and in Washington, D.C. - counseling Illini students and interns on how to best pursue careers in government and public policy. In addition to serving on the Board of Rainbows for All Children, he also serves on the Junior Board of Catholic Charities in Chicago and was most recently named to the organization's Government Relations Executive Board.

What's more, in 2020, Patrick was named to the annual "40 under 40" list published by *Crain's Chicago Business*, recognizing his professional, civic and charitable contributions. In addition, he was honored by the University of Illinois with a 2020 Outstanding Young Alumni Award, celebrating alumni who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and leadership.

Patrick contributes and donates his time and efforts in so many impactful ways, all while directing Cozen O'Connor's government relations and public advocacy efforts in the Midwest, working out of the firm's Chicago and Washington, D.C. offices. His practice, built over many years working closely with his mentor former Indiana Governor and U.S. Senator Evan Bayh, focuses on advising highly regulated companies on how to navigate government. Patrick advocates for his clients before the U.S. Congress, the White House, federal agencies and state and local governments.

In his role at Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, Martin has greatly expanded representation of the firm's Midwest clients in the nation's capital, receiving recognition from "The Hill" newspaper as one of their Top Lobbyists in the "Hired Guns" category for the past three years.

And, despite all of Patrick's accomplishments, recognitions and awards, what he cherishes most is the love and support of his wife and children. As wife Caitlin boasts, "Patrick is the happiest, most positive, fun and one of the hardest working people in the world. Everything he does in life he puts 110% into it and that does not only apply to his career but also in his personal life as a husband, father and friend. Patrick's days are filled with overlapping phone and zoom calls all day every day yet it is extremely rare that he will miss our family dinners together followed by proudly taking charge of the bath and bedtime routine. Basically, Patrick is our family's very own Clark Griswold and we are so lucky he is ours."



Glen Ellyn is grateful to Patrick and to all of our amazing fathers doing amazing things for their families, friends, colleagues and communities! Cheers to you!

About Rainbows for All Children

Rainbows for All Children exists because 68% of children in America will experience a life-altering event triggering profound grief before they turn 18 years old. Youth are affected by significant loss such as: death in the family, divorce, abandonment, military deployment of a loved one, incarceration or diagnosis of a life-threatening illness. Rainbows is dedicated to helping youth successfully navigate the very difficult grief process associated with these types of loss. Rainbows is a source of support for all youth as they navigate grief and heal from loss, whether from death, divorce, or other trauma. Rainbows fosters awareness that youth require support to heal and nurtures a community of effective Rainbows-trained facilitators, supported with a repository of resources designed to guide youth in their grieving process.

For over three and a half decades, Rainbows has sustained children and families in the wake of their tragedies through peer-support group programs and services, strategically designed to properly address their social and emotional well-being after a life-altering loss event. For more information, visit www.rainbows.org or contact: Stephanie Garrity 847-828-3796.