

2020



ATHENA *Finalist*

LYNETTE SPENCER



Lynette Spencer, LCSW, received a Master of Science in Social Work from Aurora University in 1992 and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Illinois. She has worked in a variety of social work settings including outpatient counseling, inpatient hospitalization, and emergency department crisis intervention.

In 2010, Lynette sensed that traditional office-based counseling didn't quite meet the needs of all her clients so she founded, and continues to serve as Executive Director of Adventure Works of DeKalb County. Adventure Works is the first-ever nonprofit, community-based, outdoor behavioral healthcare (OBH) organization to be nationally accredited. Adventure Works utilizes nature & adventure therapy to provide mental health services to youth and their families.

Lynette thrives on being involved in her community: local and national servant leadership positions include committee work with DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership, DeKalb County's Trauma Informed Committee, Therapeutic Adventure Professionals Group for the Association of Experiential Education, and she is currently serving as the first female chairperson of the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Council.

Lynette is happily married and has raised two daughters with her husband, Don. They are currently empty nesting in rural Hampshire, Illinois with their pets and gardens to tend.

The ATHENA Award Event will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Join us for this live streamed presentation honoring our four ATHENA finalists and announcing the 2020 ATHENA Recipient. Go to [Facebook.com/DeKalbILChamber/](https://www.facebook.com/DeKalbILChamber/)

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