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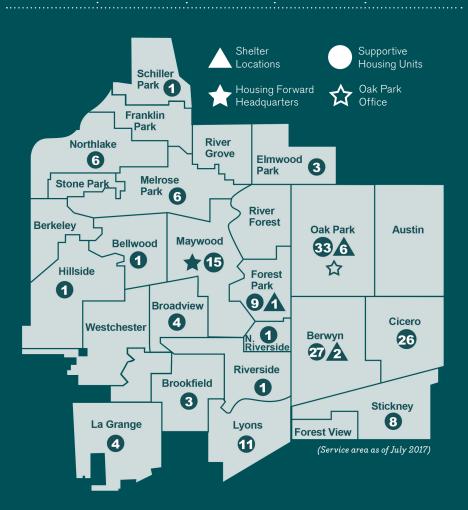








INSURANCE AT INTAKE



Dear Friends,

Since our organization's founding in 1992, our mission has evolved from providing immediate relief to homelessness through emergency shelter, to a comprehensive response to those experiencing a housing crisis. In 25 years, we have evolved from managing homelessness in our community to leading the way to effectuate change and end it.



Housing Forward recognizes that tailoring our

responses, using our resources most efficiently, and engaging the larger community to address current and projected needs, is how we can make homelessness rare, brief and one-time. In 2016, we used these tenets to develop our 2017-2019 strategic plan to lay the groundwork that will guide the agency's future work.

- > Leading system change Housing Forward was selected to lead a new suburban-wide Coordinated Entry system, called Entry Point, among the region's homeless service providers. This nine-agency collaboration is working to create a standardized referral process throughout suburban Cook County's and to prioritize the most vulnerable individuals and families through a housing match process.
- > Leading permanent supportive housing solutions Housing Forward stepped to the plate when Pillars Community Services decided they no longer wanted to manage three HUD-funded grants, totaling nearly \$1.2M, to provide permanent supportive housing in the western and southern communities of Cook County. Upon assuming these grants, Housing Forward became the fiscal agent and the largest provider of scattered-site permanent supportive housing in partnership with Heartland Alliance, Thresholds, Thrive and South Suburban PADS, totaling 166 units.
- > Addressing structural barriers In partnership with the Cook County Health & Hospital System, Housing Forward is leading a collaboration with BEDS Plus Care and South Suburban PADS to address health and housing needs of 33 households who are both homeless and frequent users of the county's public health care system.

As we close-out our 25th year of providing shelter, housing, supportive and stability services, it is our vision to continue looking towards the future, improving on an already successful delivery of services; and creating stronger partnerships and alliances in the region to fulfill our vision.

With gratitude,

Lynda Schueler

Executive Director

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At age 50, Linda had been living in an unattached garage for 4 years when her chronic lung condition sent her to the emergency room. The hospital social worker connected with Housing Forward's Street Outreach & Engagement team to see if Housing Forward could help her.

Our Street Outreach Specialist, Jennifer, went to the garage where Linda was staying to discuss her situation. She learned Linda was living in the garage of her boyfriend's mother, who opposed their relationship and didn't know she was living there. There was no warmth other than a portable heater, she was cooking canned food on a hotplate, and she needed oxygen because of her lung condition. She had also been sleeping on cinder blocks layered with blankets for warmth and comfort.

Linda connected to Street Outreach in December, and by February – with the help of the Housing team at Housing Forward – she moved into her own apartment. Thanks to her new living condition, her health has improved enough that she no longer needs the oxygen machine and her blood pressure is under control. Her next goal is to get a membership at the local YMCA to renew her love of swimming.



Linda is always smiling, regardless of what she is going through. She is so thoughtful, too. She has the use of her boyfriend's car one day of the week & offered other Housing Forward clients a ride to our housing tenant meeting when they were unable to come on their own. She is so grateful to Housing Forward for how her life has changed.

- Tiffani, Housing Case Manager





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Contact Janet Gow, Director of Development and Communications via email at jgow@housingforward.org or call 708.338.1724 ext. 262.

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Major Donor Spotlight: "We like what you are doing!"

Donors are inspired to give to a chosen charity for various reasons. The motivation for that decision is not always readily apparent at the outset of a giving relationship.

In February of 2016, Housing Forward was approached by an individual who wanted to make a considerable donation to one or more select local organizations that serve the community. The parameters for that gift was quite simple: the recipient(s) would have a well-organized program and a low-profile for the donor was maintained throughout the gifting process. After some in-person conversations and deliberation, Housing Forward and another regarded local charity were selected to receive these funds. In finalizing the decision, our donor categorically stated, "I like what you are doing, and my wife would absolutely agree!"

According to the donor, he and his wife were never "headline people who publicized and embellished what they did." Instead, they were busy moving on to next thing. The donor and his late wife had lived in Oak Park since 1998. They were members of First United Church during much of that time and became aware of Prevail through the Emergency Assistance Program and Housing Forward through the PADS Shelter. They were donors to both throughout the years and volunteered when they were able.

In May of 2015, after a courageous and extended struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease,) our donor lost his wife. He was the primary care-giver for 5 ½ years. With a team of hired care-givers, they did all that they could. But, in the end, ALS always wins. Being the only local family member of a very diminished family, our donor decided to set in motion a number of significant decisions. One of those, was to donate a worthwhile sum of money by the end of 2016.

The origin of the funds that Housing Forward received was through our donor's wife's dad, who very early on, was a savvy and consistent investor in a comprehensive waste, and environmental services company. When he passed, those holdings went on to his daughter, who in turn, placed them into a charitable remainder trust, which was trusteed by our donor and his wife.

Our donor reflected, "I'm very glad that I did what I did for Housing Forward. The funds have been put to extremely important use, which speaks its own message." He added, "I'm positive that my wife is smiling!"



Churches unite to help homeless

By CHARLOTTE COOPER

Many west subminan residents may think homelesses as problem confined to inner-city neighborhoods. But Rev. Greg Dell knows otherwise. Every local minister and Every local minister and Every local minister and sudenly find they have nowhere to go"— including a family who arrived last underly find they have nowhere to go"— including a family who arrived last United Methodist Church, where Dell is pastor. The young couple and their baby had been living in their car for three days there was not to the couple of the co

outs is a debasing experience."

Come October, Dell will
be able to offer the homeless a more dignified option,
when a committee he cochairs starts a shelter program based in local
churches.

Two sign up

Thus far, two congrega-tions — Euclid Avenue and First United Church of Oak Park — have agreed to open their doors one evening a week. Five more locales are needed if service is to be

Volunteers sought

Anyone who would like more information on the PADS shelter program can attend a briefing scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church, 405 S. Euclid Aven, Oak Park.

Park.

A date has not yet been set for a second meeting at First United Church of Oak Park. For details, call Rev. Bobbi Wells Hargleroad,

■ To get started, PADS needs more volun-teers. Villagers who staff a shelter will be asked to attend three training ses-sions. Volunteers are also needed for tasks such as driving guests to the shelter sites or delivering food and other supplies.

Anyone interested should call Juanona Brewster at 524-3195.

offered every night. But Juanona Brewster, Dell's co-chair, is optimistic enough sites will be available by opening day. A congregation in Oak Park and three in Forest Park will soon decide whether they'll participate, whether they'll participate interest, but officials in that village recently ruled that shelters in local churches would violate zoning code. (See related story.)

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Meanwhile, Tri-Village
PADS (Public Action to
Deliver Shelter) is ironing
out the hundreds of details
involved in housing up to
40 "guests" a night. Asked
wh

most, Brewster quickly answers, "More volunteers. Running all seven sites is going to take about 200 peo-ple."

The Ministerium, which represents Forest Park's clergy, helped the cause at a special service last Sunday. Instead of collecting an offering, the pastors asked their flock to sign up for shelter duty.

their flock to sign up for shelter duty. One of the congregations, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will vote Aug. 23 on whether it should become a PADS site. Most parishioners "are convinced that homeles-sness is a real problem," Rev. Tom Holmes reports, (Continued on page 18)

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William Winston of the Living Word Christian Center preaches at gathering to organize help for the homeless

Howing Forward Team-Keep up the good work in all you do! amardallang







By CHARLOTTE COOPER

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There was plenty of shelter in Oak Park Friday and Sunday nights but no homeless to take advantage of a propuration of the propurati

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These are very good people at the front dark I recione & good assistance through the winter It was good getting to know you good people at the

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Congregation Spotlight: FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

First United Church of Oak Park has been a steadfast and committed program partner and financial supporter since our founding in 1992. They were one of the original congregations to open their doors for Tri-Village PADS' overnight shelter program in 1992. They have hosted the shelter every Monday evening since then, providing a dedicated volunteer crew, and serving countless meals every third and fifth Monday during the shelter season. They have advocated for the need of supportive housing and collected House to Home Kits for newly housed adults and families leaving homelessness. First United Church of Oak Park helped to start and for twelve years housed Prevail, formerly the Walk-In Ministry, which then became a program of Housing Forward. Donors of more than \$260,250 over the last 25 years, they have been an important part of Housing Forward's history, germinating our programs with the mindset of progressiveness and the conviction of social justice.

As Housing Forward continues our work to better serve those in our community and lead efforts for families facing homelessness in our region, we thank First United Church of Oak Park and its members for their partnership in hosting the PADS Shelter site, and the dedicated volunteer members that provide meals during the shelter season, and their continued partnership in our mission.



Congregation Spotlight: **UNITY TEMPLE** UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation (UTUUC) has been a long-time partner and supporter of both PADS and Prevail, and now, Housing Forward. Since 2004, the congregation has contributed a 100% of the collection plate during the December holidays totaling \$84,136.

Rev. Alan Taylor was one of the founders of Prevail, serving on the board both in the early years and then during the preparation while merging with Housing Forward. Rev. Taylor said, "It has been an honor and joy to witness the transformation of Housing Forward over my 14 years here in Oak Park. Because Housing Forward serves the needs of many of the most vulnerable in our community, our congregation finds great meaning in contributing through volunteers and financial assistance."

UTUUC has also contributed in-kind services. It has long supported the PADS shelter with a breakfast team on Monday mornings and for several years the UTUUC bookkeeper did the accounting for Prevail. A designated liaison from the congregation coordinates special giving opportunities, such as furnishing an apartment for a Housing Forward client. Individual congregants are involved as shelter volunteers as well as board members, through their personal donations.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY 201

Financial Summary January 1-December 31, 2016 Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 546,210	311,422
Grants receivable	259,964	243,648
Prepaid expenses	2,362	9,857
Security deposits	84,585	65,740
Property and equipment, net	52,392	101,392
Total Assets	\$ 945,513	732,059
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 55,738	32,474
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	72,434	62,786
Refundable advances	49,269	0
Deferred revenue	30,325	15,030
Total Liabilities	\$ 207,766	110,290
Net Assets		
Unrestricted – Undesignated	\$ 509,374	486,051
Unrestricted – Board designated	\$ 61,940	110,718
Temporarily restricted	\$ 166,433	25,000
Total Net Assets	\$ 737,747	621,769
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 945,513	732,059

LEVERAGING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

19 Partner Agencies

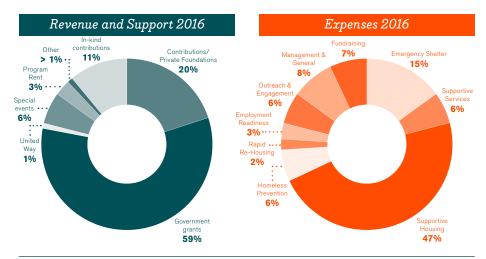




1,200 Volunteers 23,882 Hours



Total in-kind contributions in 2016: \$509,988



Financial Summary January 1-December 31, 2016

Statement of Activities

Revenue and Support		2016	2015
Contributions/Private Found	ations	\$ 898,314	\$639,465
Government		2,673,337	1,954,138
United Way		52,600	52,168
Special Events		275,433	222,963
Program Rent		128,304	59,560
Other		24,569	23,953
In-kind Contributions		509,988	556,535
Total Public Support		\$ 4,562,545	\$3,508,782
Expenses			
Emergency Shelter		\$ 641,344	\$654,655
Supportive Services		247,902	279,513
Supportive Housing		2,077,566	1,300,865
Emergency Assistance		265,078	127,016
Rapid Re-Housing		101,747	131,647
Employment Readiness		152,469	107,011
Outreach & Engagement		284,689	251,081
Management & General		358,818	354,553
Fundraising		316,954	308,095
	Total Expenses	\$ 4,446,567	\$3,514,436
Change in Net Assets		\$ 115,978	\$101,303
	Beginning of year End of year	\$ 621,769 \$ 737,747	\$520,466 \$621,769

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