



HAVE A HEART GALA

2026 Sponsorship Opportunities



Friday, March 13th, 2026

6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner & Program

Bridgeport Art Center - Skyline Loft
1200 W. 35th St., Chicago, IL 60609

We are thrilled to invite you to the 28th annual Have a Heart Gala on Friday, March 13, 2026. The Have a Heart Gala is Housing Forward's signature event, uniting 400 volunteers, donors, sponsors, and guests to raise funds to support our work. We are excited to be returning to the Bridgeport Art Center for the second year in a row!

For more than three decades, our organization has been working to end homelessness. While our vision has remained unchanged, we have come a long way since 1992. In our early years as PADS, our programs focused on responding to the immediate symptoms of homelessness. Today, our work is about helping people move from housing crisis to lasting housing stability. Every day we work to **prevent** homelessness whenever possible, **respond** to housing crises when they do occur, and **stabilize** people with supportive services and housing.

In 2024, we served 2,586 people—the highest number in our history. This milestone underscores both the urgency of the housing crisis and the critical role of our supporters. At the same time, shifting federal policies have created new uncertainties that directly affect those we serve. In the face of these challenges, your partnership ensures that we can continue to meet rising needs and help more people find lasting stability.

Your event sponsorship will keep more people in their homes through emergency financial assistance, provide more people with a safe place to sleep in our emergency shelter, and sustain hundreds of units of supportive housing where people can stabilize, live, and thrive, in our community.

We appreciate your consideration in helping us meet the critical needs of suburban residents who lack the resources to address their housing crisis. Sincerely,



Lynda Schueler
Chief Executive Officer

2026 Sponsorship Packages

Presenting

\$20,000

10 tickets

Above title placement in all communications
Podium recognition
Inclusion in the invitation
Custom branding opportunity

Keystone

\$15,000

10 tickets

Premier placement in all communications
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Pillar

\$10,000

8 tickets

Premier placement in all communications
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Cornerstone

\$5,000 6 tickets

Podium recognition
Inclusion in the invitation
Standard placement in all communications

Foundation

\$2,500 4 tickets

Inclusion in the invitation
Standard placement in all communications

Mainstay

\$1,250 2 tickets

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Supporting

\$750 2 tickets

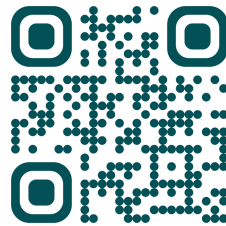
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Your sponsorship will directly impact thousands of people who rely on our services every year. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at the 28th Annual Have a Heart Gala!



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Questions?

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