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**MAKING AN IMPACT**

**428 clients obtained or sustained housing**

**Key Areas of Agency Growth**
- **18%** increase in families prevented from losing their homes
- **32** new permanent supportive housing units added
- **142%** increase in short-term/diversion stability services
- **8%** increase in annual operating budget

**Who we helped**
- **1,935 persons served**
- **898 persons served**
- **231 persons served**
- **522 persons served**

**95,814 nights of housing provided**

**$165,107 in direct financial assistance provided to avert a financial crisis or loss of housing**

**96% of participants in supportive housing obtained or maintained their health insurance**

**245 job counseling sessions**

**303 visits to our Medical Clinic**

**Partners**
- **17** service partners
- **40+ congregations**
- **1100 volunteers**
- **12** AmeriCorps members

**Our Service Area**

**WORKING TOGETHER**

Students at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School in Bellwood donated more than 1,100 pairs of socks during their “Socktober” donation drive.

Partnering with companies is invaluable to us. Whether they support our work financially with grants and sponsorships, encourage employee volunteering, or hire our employment program graduates, we are thankful for their involvement. A team from [Company Name] is pictured here, providing dinner on a Sunday night at a family-designated shelter site.
We gratefully acknowledge ALL of the donors and fundraisers who make the work of Housing For Tomorrow possible. The following list reflects the monetary contributions made during 2018. 

**Housing for Tomorrow**

**GOVERNMENT**

City of Berwyn
Village of Schiller Park
Village of Oak Park

**COMMUNITY & NON-PROFIT PARTNERS**

$50,000 - $99,999
- Village of Oak Park
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- City of Berwyn
- Laura Kliewer*
- Carollina Song & Alec Bloom

**Housing & Urban Development**

County, Inc. (CEDA)
and Economic Development

**Corporations**

$25,000 - $49,999
- Sow That, Inc.
- The Homeless Dimensions Fund
- Northern Illinois University
- The Vertex Foundation
- Rosemary Caniglia
- John & Nancy Leavy
- Margaret Casey
- Edward & Susan Klinger

**Schools & Districts**

$100 - $249
- High School Dist. 200
- The United Church of Christ
- Dr. John & Alice Tulley
- John & Jane Ciancanelli
- Rosemary Camilleri
- Larry Lurio

**Foundations**

$250 - $499
- Dewan Foundation
- CenterPfalz Properties
- Oak Park River Forest High School Dist. 200

**Individual Donors**

$500 - $999
- Richard & Mary Jo Rutstein
- John & Barbara Mayernick
- Steve & Maryann Henry

**Gifts In Memory of:**

- Timothy & Claudia Divis
- Patrick Herron
The Housing Forward Outreach and Engagement Team connects the most vulnerable individuals living on the streets with resources.

Last winter, Engagement Specialist Jennifer McWhorter received a call from a Northlake police officer about a man who was living in a parking lot. Residents had filed complaints, but since it is not illegal to be homeless in Illinois, it wasn’t clear what to do. No crime had been committed, but very often that man, whose name Jennifer learned was Jeffrey, would get very, very drunk. After she was able to earn his trust, she learned Jeffrey usually drank intentionally until passing out as a way to make it through the longest, coldest nights.

“If I was not going to care, I would have passed him by,” Jennifer says. “I have seen it so often and I didn’t want to be a person who didn’t care.”

“In every scene of my life, I have found it important to be a person who cares,” she says. “It has been a guiding principle of mine for so long.”

Jennifer worked with her person who had spent his entire adult life in an out of state penitentiary. The options were running out for this person. He had a return to prison was his only way to survive,” he said. “I have a good idea what would have happened if Jennifer McWhorter, on behalf of Housing Forward, hadn’t stepped in. We avoided a person returning to prison and probably someone from being a crime victim in Northlake.”

Excitement is building for SOJOURNER HOUSE. The first dedicated “bridge housing” in suburban Cook County serving vulnerable men, women and families who are experiencing homelessness, is set to open August 2019.

TO LEARN MORE AND DONATE, VISIT www.housingforward.org/Sojournerhouse.

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Financial Summary January 1–December 31, 2018 Statement of Activities

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