

The Song



Spring Edition 2024

HOME OF THE SPARROW RECEIVES AWARDS FROM LOCAL CHAMBERS



NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR
WOODSTOCK CHAMBER AWARD



ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
ALGONQUIN/LITH CHAMBER AWARD

Home of the Sparrow is honored to have received both the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce's "Organization of the Year" Award and the "Nonprofit of the Year" Award from the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce! Home of the Sparrow humbly accepts these awards, and we are so grateful for our community's continued support.

This recognition is a testament to the positive change and impact that Home of the Sparrow has on the women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness in McHenry County and Northern Illinois. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who allow us to do what we do each and every day. Thank you for recognizing our commitment to making positive change in our community.

OUR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Home of the Sparrow welcomes the community's initiatives to help further the awareness of the needs of homeless women and their children in our programs and services. Many of these initiatives include donation drives, volunteer groups, and more.

HOS RECEIVES GRANT FROM PRAIRIE COMMUNITY BANK!



HOS AT THE PEOPLE IN NEED FORUM AT MCC!



CONGRATS ON 10 YEARS OF SERVICE, MARY JO!



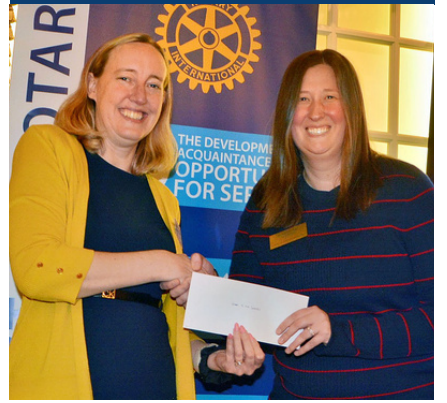
HOS AT THE D158'S MENTAL HEALTH FAIR



THANK YOU TO THE CLOTHES GALLERY FOR YOUR DONATION!



HOS RECEIVES GRANT FROM ROTARY CLUB OF PALATINE



THANK YOU, MARK MITCHELL'S STATE FARM!



HAPPY NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH!



THANK YOU, ROOTED PROGRAM (WILLOW CREEK CHURCH)



MARY'S STORY OF HOPE

Mary had spent her entire life working hard, raising her own children, and eventually settled into a peaceful retirement home to enjoy her golden years. She had faced life's hardships with grace and strength, but nothing could have prepared her for the overwhelming responsibility that came her way. Mary found herself in the midst of adversity when her five beloved grandchildren needed her guidance and care, and she became homeless to ensure their safety and well-being.

Their journey was not an easy one, as they faced numerous hardships while living in hotels and emergency shelters. But in the darkest moments of their struggle, a glimmer of hope emerged through the support of Home of the Sparrow's Transitional Shelter. This shelter became their lifeline, providing not only a roof over their heads but also a caring and compassionate community that embraced them. The staff at Home of the Sparrow recognized the immense love and sacrifice Mary had made for her grandchildren. They immediately enrolled her in their Rapid Rehousing Program, which provided the necessary resources, guidance, and a stepping stone toward a brighter future. She managed to secure a stable home for herself and her grandchildren, where they could finally experience the security and stability they so desperately needed. Mary's story didn't stop at securing a roof over their heads. The organization also recognized the importance of addressing the mental health needs of her grandchildren, who had been deeply affected by their tumultuous journey. They provided access to the necessary mental health services, which allowed the children to heal and thrive.



As time passed, something beautiful started to happen. With their lives slowly stabilizing, the children's parents, who had faced their own struggles, were drawn back into their lives. The family began to rebuild, rekindling relationships and finding a way forward together. Mary's perseverance and the unwavering support of Home of the Sparrow had turned the tide for this remarkable family. Today, Mary and her five grandchildren are thriving in their safe, stable, and loving home. They have overcome incredible odds and are proof that even in the face of adversity, with the support of a caring community, the power of family, and the spirit of a grandmother's love, there is always a path to success.

THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!

Home of the Sparrow is extremely grateful for our wonderful grantors. Thanks to them, Home of the Sparrow is able to provide the support that the clients we serve need.

George M. Einsenberg Foundation



Fred J Brunner Foundation



The Mental Health Resource League for McHenry County (MHRL) hosted Fair Diddley in October 2023, an event dedicated to supporting mental health services in our community. With the generous contributions of attendees, volunteers, and supporters, the event yielded remarkable proceeds. In January 2024, MHRL distributed \$147,000.00, empowering 16 deserving non-profit agencies across McHenry County to continue their work in mental health services. Home of the Sparrow was among the esteemed beneficiaries of this initiative. The grant received from these proceeds will undoubtedly bolster efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families.

The grant received by Home of the Sparrow is directly linked to the number of volunteer hours contributed. We invite you to mark your calendars for this highly anticipated occasion. Join us on October 12th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on the 13th, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm as we gather to celebrate community and creativity. Stay tuned for the link to sign up for volunteering with Home of the Sparrow, which will be posted closer to the event date.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR CELEBRATION OF WOMEN EVENT!

Thank you to all of the attendees, volunteers, sponsors, and donors who helped make our 2024 Celebration of Women Event a success! Your support allows Home of the Sparrow to continue giving back to our community and supporting women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness.



*See all of the event photos on our Facebook!

GET INVOLVED WITH HOS

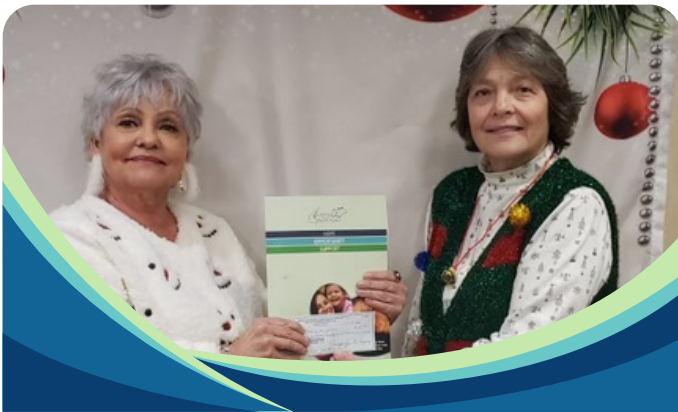
Join our Sparrow Volunteer Family!

Volunteers are the heart of our agency and dedicate their time and talents volunteering at Home of the Sparrow's fundraiser events, Headquarters Office, housing unit and shelter maintenance, yard work at the housing units, and at the Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores and Community Threads across Northern Illinois.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)



Questions about Volunteering? Contact Volunteer@hosparrow.org or call 815-271-5444 x260



Donate to Home of the Sparrow!

Home of the Sparrow is thankful for all of the support we receive from the community through in-kind and monetary donations. These donations go toward sustaining our programs and services which help those we serve thrive.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

[CLICK FOR OUR SHELTER WISH LIST](#)

Host a Community Fundraising Event!

Community Fundraising Events are sponsored or hosted by individuals, businesses, organizations or groups in support of Home of the Sparrow.

These may include donation drives, social media/virtual fundraising campaigns, runs/walks, auctions and raffles, luncheons or dinners, car shows, fashion shows, self-improvement classes, and restaurant nights where a portion of proceeds or the profits from the night are donated to Home of the Sparrow.

[APPLY HERE!](#)



Questions about Fundraising or Donations? Contact Ldalypost@hosparrow.org or call 815-271-5444 x262



Community Threads

A Home of the Sparrow, Inc. Resale Store

Home of the Sparrow Presents Our...

Black & White Ball

May 4th, 2024 | 5:00 - 10:00 pm

Avante Banquets

Enjoy this beautiful night while helping us raise funds to support women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

Get Tickets **HERE!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Donate an Item for our Silent Auction



SPORTS TICKETS

CONCERT TICKETS

WINE/BREWERY TOUR

STADIUM TOUR

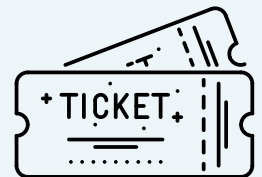


WEEKEND GETAWAY AT TIME-SHARE OR VACATION HOME

PRIVATE BOAT CRUISE

PRIVATE DINING EXPERIENCE

IPAD, GAMING SYSTEM, OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY

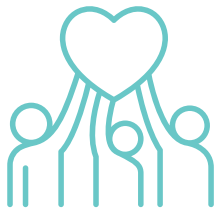


Interested in Donating? Contact LDalypost@HOSparrow.org

URGENT

WHY BE A HOME OF THE SPARROW LANDLORD

Home of the Sparrow (HOS) is looking to partner with local landlords in order to facilitate housing for the clients we serve. HOS provides hope, opportunity and support that empowers women and children as they journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. *Why partner with Home of the Sparrow?*



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Being a landlord with Home of the Sparrow allows you to support your community by offering affordable housing at Fair Market Rent to homeless women and children on their journey back to self-sufficiency.



GUIDANCE

Each tenant is assigned a Case Manager who provides assistance to the client and can work directly with our Landlord Partners to ensure a successful housing partnership.



PAYMENT SECURITY

Landlords receive timely and consistent rent payments with facilitation from Home of the Sparrow.



MARKETING

Save money on marketing costs to advertise vacancies in your unit! Home of the Sparrow will reduce vacancies by providing clients to occupy your unit consistently.

GET MORE INFORMATION TODAY!

Contact LKellner@hosparrow.org
or Call 815-271-5444 x258



HOPE

OPPORTUNITY

SUPPORT



Community Threads

A Home of the Sparrow, Inc. Resale Store

HOS THRIFT STORES

Home of the Sparrow operates seven total thrift stores across Northern Illinois; six under the banner of Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store and Donation Centers, and one under Community Threads Upscale Resale Store. The purpose of our thrift stores is to support the mission of Home of the Sparrow and proceeds fund our programs and services.

Home of the Sparrow's Thrift Stores are also a zero cost provider of clothing, furniture and housewares to Home of the Sparrow clients and clients of other partnering agencies in Northern Illinois. With an exception to mattresses and box springs, everything sold in the thrift stores are new and/or gently used donations from members of the community.

STORE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: Open 10am-6pm

SATURDAYS: Open 10am-5pm

SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS: CLOSED



CARY

380 Northwest Hwy.
Cary, IL 60013
(847)639-4082

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

MCHENRY

3714 W Elm Street
McHenry, IL 60050
(815)363-6008

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

MUNDELEIN

357 Townline Road
Mundelein, IL 60060
(847)970-5584

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PALATINE

275 E Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 705-6852

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

THIRD LAKE

34500 N. US Highway 45
Third Lake, IL 60030
(847)752-8397

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

WOODSTOCK

120 E Calhoun St
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815)206-5070

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

COMMUNITY THREADS

250 W. Rand Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
(847) 818-1630

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Spring Cleaning Checklist

Donations Accepted
Mon-Sat 10am to 4:30pm

ITEMS TO DONATE

Kitchen

- cookware, baking dishes
- dishes, cups, plates, utensils
- small kitchen appliances
- tableware, linens
- tables, chairs, bar carts, etc.

Garage

- bikes, scooters, etc.
- golf clubs, sports equipment
- storage solutions
- holiday decor
- patio furniture

Bedroom




- clothing, shoes, accessories
- jewelry, ties, watches, purses
- bedding/ linens, curtains, rugs
- decor, mirrors, clocks, electronics
- nightstands, dressers, lamps

Living Room/ Other

- picture frames, collectibles
- couch, chair, desks, tv stands
- electronics, lamps
- decor, rugs, curtains, mirrors
- books, dvds, games

DON'T FORGET: WE PICK UP FURNITURE DONATIONS!

2 Ways to Schedule Your Pick Up!

STANDARD PICK-UP	PRIORITY PICK-UP 
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Pickups must include large, gently used furniture.* Two gentlemen make the pickups with a 16ft box truck.* Nominal \$10 fee for furniture pickups.* Can make pickups inside the home. Furniture must be on the first floor with no more than 7 stairs up or down. Pickups from upper floors must have elevator access.* Items accepted based on condition (gently used). Crew has final say on all items being donated.* All Furniture preferably assembled at the time of the pickup or disassembled to the point it can be	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Pickups as soon as 2 business days (Mon-Sat), subject to timeslot availability* Can pick up from multiple floors* Can disassemble furniture* Items of ANY condition picked up* Pickups done by third party haulers, not Home of the Sparrow* Pick-up fee reflects the operating costs for the hauler (fee is not tax deductible, but donated items are).
<p>Schedule Home of the Sparrow Pickup</p>	<p>Schedule Now!</p>

**Our Pick Up
Days-1 Week**

\$10

**3rd Party
Faster Pick Up**

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Ready to Schedule Your Furniture Pickup?

- Scheduling based on availability, Tuesdays-Saturdays 7:30 am-4:30 pm. Two-hour windows are provided to donors when pickup is scheduled
- No furniture pickups from Senior Living or Assisted Living Facilities.
- Can make pickups inside the home. Furniture must be on the first floor with no more than 7 stairs up or down. Pickups from upper floors must have elevator access.

Click **HERE** to Schedule your Donation



THANK YOU TO THE HOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Koenig

Johnathan Fox

Brian Silver

Barbara Webb

Peggy DeVorse

Jim Thorpe

John Eiermann

Kelli Wegener

Dean Karamagianis

Ann P. Rosenbaum

Chris Christensen

Sarah Crittenden

BECOME A SPONSOR

Various sponsorship levels are available and may include tickets to HOS's three annual events. As a sponsor, your company will benefit from exposure through HOS's promotional efforts.

We are willing to work with businesses, big and small, to make a lasting impact. We are

flexible, budget-friendly, and ready to create positive change!

For details, contact Ldalypost@hosparrow.org

WE'RE HIRING!



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT
MEANINGFUL MISSION
& MORE!

CLICK HERE FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS & APPLICATIONS

DETAILS HERE





DONATE
\$1,000

To provide Case Management services



DONATE
\$500

To provide one month's rent for a family



DONATE
\$250

To provide a week of childcare for a working mother



DONATE
\$100

To help pay for a week of groceries or a month of utilities



DONATE
\$50

To help supply a week's worth of gas to get to and from work



DONATE
\$25

To provide a new pair of shoes for a child

CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY

**MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION BY CLICKING HERE: WWW.HOSPARRROW.ORG/DONATE
OR MAIL A CHECK TO HOME OF THE SPARROW
1991 DUNCAN PLACE, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS!





THANK YOU, 2024 SPONSORS!

