

The Song



Summer Edition 2024

BACF'S GRANT: EMPOWERING HOME OF THE SPARROW'S CLIENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our sincerest thanks to the Barrington Area Community Foundation for their grant contribution to Home of the Sparrow! The grant from BACF supports HOS's Client Enrichment Program. The program strives to offer accessible activities for HOS's Transitional Shelter clients. It includes subsidizing child care, sponsoring children's day camps and extracurricular activities, providing on-site haircuts, and arranging social outings such as holiday parties and visits to bowling alleys, museums, or the zoo. These activities aid families in concentrating on fundamental needs like job search, employment, and housing while providing bonding experiences for the families.

HOS is committed to utilizing these funds to bolster local organizations and businesses in the Barrington Area, furthering the objectives of the Client Enrichment program. Another component of HOS's Client Enrichment Program recognizes the impact of the physical environment on mood and behavior. Through "Trauma-Informed Design," the HOS's Transitional Shelter ensures a supportive atmosphere to prevent re-traumatization. This includes transitioning to warm lighting, using natural materials and calming artwork, integrating plants, and creating respite spaces with sensory materials for clients. These changes make the Shelter feel like a comforting home, reducing stigma. Thank you again to the BACF!



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 \$10,000 FROM OLD NATIONAL BANK!



THANK YOU TO WATTERSON FOR THEIR DONATION!



HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!



HAPPY 25 YEAR VOLUNTEER ANNIVERSARY, EDIE!



THANK YOU, ORTHO ILLINOIS FOR VOLUNTEERING AT OUR MCHENRY NEST!



HOS AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LIBRARY VOLUNTEER FAIR



THANK YOU APTAR FOR VOLUNTEERING AT AN HOS PROPERTY!



THANK YOU TO GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN IL FOR THEIR COOKIE DONATION TO OUR SHELTER!



THANK YOU, WOODSTOCK MOOSE LODGE 1329



HOS HANGS NEW BANNERS IN APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING HOS' 2024 BLACK AND WHITE BALL



THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS TO CLIENTS, MARY KAY!



HOS HOSTS ANNUAL ALL-STAFF MEETING



WELCOME HOS' NEW BRAND AFFILIATE, KEELY!



THANK YOU, NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE!



THANK YOU, GRACE LUTHERAN IN RICHMOND!



REMEMBERING DEBBIE DEGRAW

"We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Debbie Degraw, a pivotal member of our Home of the Sparrow family for over a decade. Debbie joined Home of the Sparrow in 2010 and was an invaluable part of our team as the Vice President of Marketing/PR and Development.

Debbie accomplished many significant milestones during her time at Home of the Sparrow, including raising funds to secure a permanent headquarters location for the agency, obtaining the first round of funding from the McHenry County Mental Health Board, and developing Home of the Sparrow's first website. Debbie was instrumental in acquiring Home of the Sparrow's first donor-tracking software, filling a significant gap in the agency. She also played a crucial role in securing many invaluable donors and grants over the years, which helped grow our programs and services.



Her drive, dedication to our mission, and unwavering kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Debbie was not only a talented professional but also a wonderful person who cared about others so deeply. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to Debbie's family and friends during this difficult time. She will be greatly missed.

To honor Debbie's legacy, we are unveiling the Debbie Degraw Training Center Wing at our new headquarters building in Woodstock. This space will support hundreds of our clients each year which we know Debbie would have loved. Rest in peace, Debbie. Home of the Sparrow is forever grateful for you."





SUPPORT WOMEN AND CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY ATTENDING HOME OF THE SPARROW'S

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2024

BULL VALLEY GOLF CLUB
WOODSTOCK, IL

**CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION
& MORE INFORMATION**

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.



Weiler Family Trust



McGraw Foundation

GET INVOLVED WITH HOS

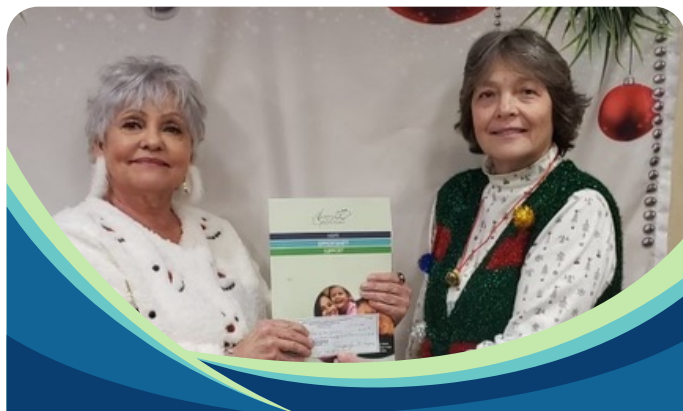
Join our Sparrow Volunteer Family!

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



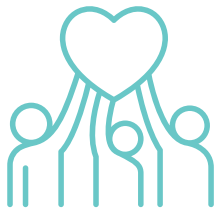
Community Threads

A Home of the Sparrow, Inc. Resale Store

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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

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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

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MUNDELEIN

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

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PALATINE

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

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THIRD LAKE

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

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WOODSTOCK

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

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COMMUNITY THREADS

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

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PARENTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS



The 1st day of school will be here before you know it! Check off your list of back-to-school needs without having to take out another student loan to afford it!



Shopping Checklist

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- Clothes, Shoes & Backpacks
 - Notebooks, Pens & Pencils
 - Linens
 - Small Appliances
 - Storage Solutions
 - Kitchenware & Cutlery
 - Lamps, Mirrors & Decorations
 - Electronics, Headphones & Chargers
 - Furniture
 - & MORE!
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Community Threads



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

WE'RE HIRING!



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT
MEANINGFUL MISSION
& MORE!

**CLICK HERE FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS
& APPLICATIONS**

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

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.HOSPARROW.ORG/DONATE
OR MAIL A CHECK TO HOME OF THE SPARROW
1991 DUNCAN PLACE, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098**

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THANK YOU, 2024 SPONSORS!

