



THE WING

Home OF THE Sparrow

JULY EDITION

FOR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for helping to reduce the prevalence of homelessness among women, children, families, and individuals through creative strategies and community partnerships that result in lasting self-sufficiency.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - SUSAN FROM OUR PALATINE NEST



“I began volunteering for HOS in July 2022. I was inspired to volunteer because I admired how the proceeds help women and children experiencing hardship. Receiving the right help at the right time can lead to significant positive change, and I am honored to be a part of creating that possibility. As a volunteer, I handle processing and pricing shoes, purses, and other miscellaneous accessories and assist with other tasks. Personally, volunteering at HOS has been incredibly fulfilling. I always find something to help with, feel appreciated by the staff, and have made several new friends, which is the cherry on top. My motivation to continue volunteering comes from the enjoyment I get from it; I truly feel I am getting as much as I am giving. The staff and volunteers are great people with whom I love spending time. I encourage anyone with extra time and

a willingness to help to consider volunteering at HOS. No special skills are needed; it is just a desire to make a difference. On a personal note, I am a history fan and enjoy delving deep into historical documentaries and movies. My favorite hobbies include gardening, cooking, playing board games with my family, crafting, and watching Bravo (my guilty pleasure). I worked as a high school math teacher from 1988 to 2021 at Maine West and Maine East High Schools. Next on my travel bucket list are Norway, London, and Paris.”

Erna Kohl is the manager of the Sparrow's Nest in Palatine. She said that “Susan Clifford comes in almost daily and helps with whatever is needed. Without a doubt, she is one of the pillars of our store.” Thank you, Susan, for all of your hard work and dedication to Home of the Sparrow’s Mission! We are grateful for you.

INSPIRE OTHERS! SHARE YOUR VOLUNTEER STORY HERE!

Please consider sharing how you help the community through your volunteer service at Home of the Sparrow

FREE!
ALL ARE WELCOME



VOLUNTEER FAIR & FAMILY FUN DAY!

Join *Home of the Sparrow* for a day of family fun! Enjoy exciting games, great food, and chances to win prizes for the whole family all while learning more about how YOU can help those experiencing homelessness in your community.

AUGUST 17TH, 2024

12-3PM

HOME OF THE SPARROW HEADQUARTERS

1991 Duncan Place, Woodstock

- Touch-a-Truck w/ Woodstock Fire Department
- Inflatables
- Arts & Crafts
- Live Entertainment
- Food Trucks
- Fun-Filled Games & Prizes

TEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH HOME OF THE SPARROW

Would your teen like to make a difference by volunteering at Home of the Sparrow? Does your teen need to earn community service hours for high school? HOS welcomes teens aged 14 to 17 to join our volunteer program.

If you have any questions about the application process or the volunteer program, please don't hesitate to contact our

**Volunteer Program Manager at
815-271-5444 x260**

We look forward to welcoming your teen to our team!



**CLICK HERE FOR OUR
TEEN APPLICATION**

RECIPES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

The Fourth of July is one of the biggest cookout events of the season. From summer appetizers to crowd-pleasing sides and patriotic desserts to round things out, we have everything you need for a spectacular celebration.

American Flag Caprese Salad



[Click for Recipe](#)

Mama's Cornmeal Hushpuppies



[Click for Recipe](#)

Strawberry Rhubarb Shortcake



[Click for Recipe](#)

Volunteers in Action



NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE - WOODSTOCK VOLUNTEERS WITH HOS

Volunteers from Northwestern Medicine in Woodstock supported HOS's Maintenance team with an exterior clean-up project at one of our housing units. Home of the Sparrow greatly appreciates all the volunteer efforts.



Happy Birthday, Volunteers!

July 1st: Jane K.

July 2nd: Patricia A., Bill C., Vicnet T

July 3rd: Ronaldo A., Christopher M.

July 4th: Maria C., Pat D.

July 5th: Laurie K.

July 6th: Marcos G.

July 7th: Janet R.

July 8th: Akshit D., Anushkka D.

July 11th: Vesela N., Sandra N.

July 12th: Ian D., Catherine G., Betty L.

July 13th: Julie M., Anne R., Gabriela S.

July 14th: Mary Ellyn C., Sachiko H.

July 17th: Darlene B., Robyn E., David H.

July 18th: Devin A., Azul D., Patricia D.

July 19th: Jorge R.

July 20th: Eric H., Yuliia K.

July 21st: Grant L.

July 23rd: Sharon P.

July 25th: Cathy B.

July 26th: Debra H., Stephanie S.

July 27th: Deb S.

July 29th: Margaret I.

July 30th: Colleen B., Keriann G., Catalina L.

July 31st: Agnes G., Barbara N.

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**



*VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
COMING SOON!

DID YOU KNOW...

Home of the Sparrow has Affordable Housing Programs?

The HOS Affordable Housing Program supports individuals with incomes between 30%-50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for McHenry County. (The 30% AMI is listed under "Very Low-Income Limits."). This program offers hope to families transitioning from HOS Shelter services and the Subsidized Apartment Program while they continue to face modest income challenges. Residents in HOS Affordable Housing units are eligible for ongoing case management and counseling services. Rent is determined based on the size of the housing unit and the resident's income, ensuring that rents are affordable and families can manage their monthly budgets while gaining a new sense of self-reliance.

HOS owns and maintains 25 properties across McHenry County, consisting of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units with a total bed capacity of 60 persons.

HOME OF THE SPARROW PROVIDES:

- Short-Term Transitional Shelter
- Subsidized Apartment Program
- Affordable Housing Program
- Various Rental Assistance Programs

- Employment Program
- Basic Needs Assistance
- Case Management
- Trauma-informed Counseling

- Financial and Budgeting Classes
- Career Planning
- Linkages to Community Resources



[READ MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HERE](#)



Home of the Sparrow is a 501 c 3 non-profit that provides Transitional Shelter, Housing, and Supportive Services to women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Home of the Sparrow also operates seven thrift stores and donation centers. Please visit our website at www.HOSparrow.org or "Home of the Sparrow" on Facebook for a list of services, store hours, and locations.

[Click HERE to Donate](#)