



# THE HOME OF THE SPARROW WING

AUGUST 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 - EDELTRAUD FROM OUR CARY NEST



“I have volunteered for Home of the Sparrow for 26 years. When asked what inspired me to volunteer, I can be brutally honest: boredom. I had just retired from a very stressful job and needed something to fill my days. I work in the clothing apparel section, as I have always been interested in fashion and women's clothing, so this area seemed ideal for me. Volunteering with Home of the Sparrow has impacted me personally by filling the void created by my retirement in time and providing an outlet for my love of fashion and clothing.

I stay motivated because I love what I do and feel I can contribute, even in a tiny way, to Home of the Sparrow's success and our community in general. Additionally, being widowed, the Cary Nest and its volunteers have provided me with emotional support and friendship over the years, which cannot be counted. A fun fact about me that not many people know is that I am a refugee. I was born in the former Sudetenland, ousted by Putin's ancestors in 1944. After six months in concentration and refugee camps, I landed in Wiesbaden, Germany. I attended high school in Wiesbaden, completed my first two years of college at the University of London, and graduated from the Sorbonne. I then received a partial scholarship to the University of Michigan, worked for GM traveling the world, married in Royal Oak, and then moved to Chicago for my husband's job, where I worked for Motorola for 26 years. I started at Home of the Sparrow in Cary, where I am still today, continuing to travel through Asia and Europe, and retired in 1998. My favorite hobby is reading and knitting American Girl doll clothes, which I sell at fairs, with all proceeds going to Home of the Sparrow. I am retired now, but my last job was with Motorola. The next place on my travel bucket list is Ireland.”

**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



# CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERING WITH HOME OF THE SPARROW

Home of the Sparrow is seeking volunteers to bring joy to special children.

While their moms participate in programs to improve their family's lives, volunteers create a safe and caring environment for the kids.

Be part of a child's journey out of homelessness. We offer a great outdoor fenced-in play area and plenty of activities indoors. Help create lasting memories for these children!



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION](#)

## RECIPES FOR AUGUST PICNICS

Families and friends will gather for a delightful picnic in the park on a warm August afternoon. The air will be filled with laughter and the aroma of barbecued delights. E-mail [Kobrien@hosparrow](mailto:Kobrien@hosparrow) with your favorite recipes to share.

### CUCUMBER SALAD



[CLICK FOR RECIPE](#)

### SLOW-ROASTED CHERRY TOMATO BRUSCHETTA



[CLICK FOR RECIPE](#)

### BROOKIES (BROWNIE COOKIES)



[CLICK FOR RECIPE](#)



# School Supply Drive

July 1st through  
August 2nd, 2024

## Most Needed Items

- Backpacks & Lunch Boxes
- Safety Scissors & Sticky Notes
- Notebooks & 2-Pocket Folders
- Glue Sticks & Correction Tape
- Red Pens & Pink Erasers
- Highlighters & Permanent Markers



Scan the QR  
Code for our  
Full Wish List

## Help Kids in Need!

To assist children experiencing homelessness getting ready for school this fall, we are collecting supplies for kids of all ages (K-12th grade)



Home of the Sparrow HQ  
1991 Duncan Pl, Woodstock IL



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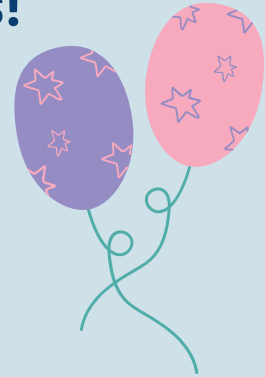
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## Happy Birthday, Volunteers!



August 2nd: Anastasia N., Joe S.

August 3rd: Gabriella O., Shruthi S., Brian V.

August 5th: Lillian J.

August 7th: Daniel C., Amber G., Preston P.

August 8th: Julie R.

August 9th: Alec G., Cesar G., Karen S., Marianne T.

August 11th: Wendy M., David N.

August 12th: Migdalia P.

August 13th: Robert T., Gillian W.

August 15th: Patricia B., Jacopo T.

August 16th: John M., Diane M., Sraavya P.

August 17th: Diane H., Noah Z.

August 18th: Kasey F., Cameron R.

August 19th: Marcia K.

August 20th: Grace L., Keyna S.

August 21st: Lucas K.

August 22nd: Janet B., Carol K., Nicolas P.

August 23rd: Santiago G.

August 24th: Justin S., Hannah W.

August 25th: Daniel C., Christine M.

August 26th: Mary K., Gunil P.

August 27th: Natalie B., Kevin D., Madilyn W.

August 28th: Stephanie C.

August 29th: Sarina K., Lynn L.

August 30th: Cheryl E.

August 31st: Melinda B., Sofie S.



# Volunteers in Action





# DID YOU KNOW...

## Home of the Sparrow has a Subsidized Apartment Program (SAP)



Most families entering the HOS Short-Term Transitional Shelter Program can transition directly into permanent housing within approximately 4.5 months. However, while ready for a more independent lifestyle, some families need additional time to build resources and skills before moving into community housing. The SAP program serves as a crucial bridge between shelter services and independent living.

Participants in SAP typically stay in one of the agency's three apartment units for up to a year, receiving the same services offered in the subsidized shelter program. During this time, clients work on paying off utility arrears and repairing their credit history to become eligible for signing a rental contract for housing. In August 2022, HOS expanded SAP, adding two units as part of an award from Advance McHenry County (McHenry County's American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) allocation). The additional units have six bedrooms and serve an extra 4-8 individuals. This unit doubles the current SAP capacity and enables HOS to offer increased access to this program for families with children, particularly larger families.

**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](http://www.HOSparrow.org) or "Home of the Sparrow" on Facebook for a list of services, store hours, and locations.

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