

The Song



Spring Edition 2025

HOS HOSTS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OPEN HOUSE



Home of the Sparrow staff recently gathered with local leaders for our first-ever Community Leadership Open House. This special gathering provided an in-depth look at Home of the Sparrow's Transitional Shelter, Housing Programs, Rental Assistance, Outreach Program, and Case Management services. We also shared the real-life challenges faced by the women and children we serve and sparked thoughtful conversations

about how we can work together to create impactful, lasting solutions for homelessness in our community. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended – your support, ideas, and collaboration are vital as we continue to build a future where every woman and child has a safe place to call home. Together, we are making a real difference. Thank you for standing with us and being a part of this important work!

For more information about our programs or ways to get involved with Home of the Sparrow, please visit www.HOSparrow.org or Contact HDorn@HOSparrow.org

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.

THANK YOU TO BIGGBY COFFE FOR THEIR DONATION!



THANK YOU, TERMAX CORPORATION FOR YOUR DONATION!



THANK YOU TO MONTINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR YOUR DONATION!



THANK YOU TO THE IBJI PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OF MCHENRY



THANK YOU TO THE TREE OF LIFE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



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THANK YOU CAROL & SOPHIA FOR YOUR QUILT DONATIONS!



HOS CELEBRATES EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



THANK YOU MARCY PIEKOS - OUR COWL MC!



THANK YOU CASSANDRA VOHS DEMANN - OUR COWL SPEAKER!



CONGRATS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS FROM OUR CELEBRATION OF WOMEN!



OUR SPARROW'S NEST STAFF CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY



THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!

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





SPARK HOPE

VIRTUAL WALK • BIKE • RUN-A-THON FUNDRAISER

MOVE FOR A MISSION

Join us this June for Spark Hope, a fun and impactful virtual walk, bike, run-a-thon supporting Home of the Sparrow! Every step, pedal, or mile you conquer helps provide shelter, support, and resources for women and children in need.

REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A TEAM!



Ready to make an impact? Sign up today and start your journey on the Path to Hope! Together, we can pave the way for brighter futures.

1. REGISTER AS A PARTICIPANT

2. SPREAD THE WORD

3. GET MOVING!

4. WIN AWESOME PRIZES



GET INVOLVED WITH HOS

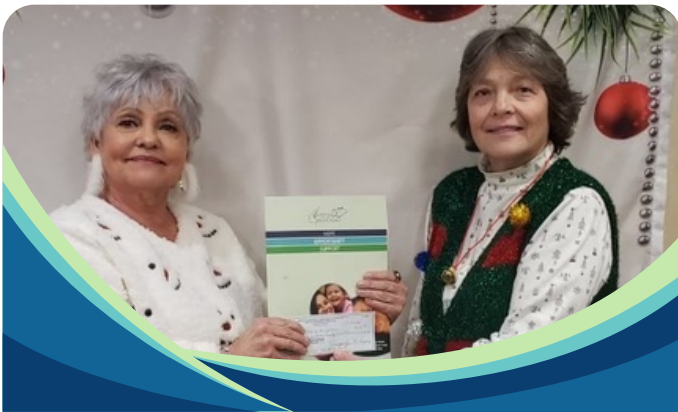
Join our Sparrow Volunteer Family!

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



Just In Time
EVENTS & RENTALS

Throwin' For A Cause

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH 2025

Check-In: 6:30pm

Throwing: 7-9:00pm

Fee: \$30/person

12 Lanes Available! (4-6 people per lane)

*\$50 to reserve your lane will be applied to your final total



Join us for a night of fun and impact at **Twisted Limits Axe Throwing Lounge!** Enjoy friendly competition, great company, and the chance to make a difference—one bullseye at a time. **50%** of the proceeds support **Home of the Sparrow's** mission to support women and children experiencing homelessness.



REGISTER TODAY

CASH BAR • 50/50 RAFFLE • BASKET RAFFLE

Twisted Limits Axe Throwing Lounge

1722 N. Richmond Road, McHenry, IL

815-271-5632

PLANNED GIVING

SECURING A FUTURE FOR HOME OF THE SPARROW

In our last newsletter, we introduced the concept of Planned Giving—a way for donors to leave a lasting impact on Home of the Sparrow while achieving their personal financial and philanthropic goals. Now, let's look deeper at how planned gifts make a difference, the various ways to give, and how you can ensure your legacy supports women and children in need for years to come.

HOW PLANNED GIFTS TRANSFORM LIVES

When you include Home of the Sparrow in your estate plans, your generosity helps ensure that families experiencing homelessness continue to receive safe shelter, case management, employment support, and mental health resources long into the future. Many planned gifts allow us to invest in long-term solutions, such as expanding affordable housing options and increasing program capacity to serve more families in crisis.

WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY

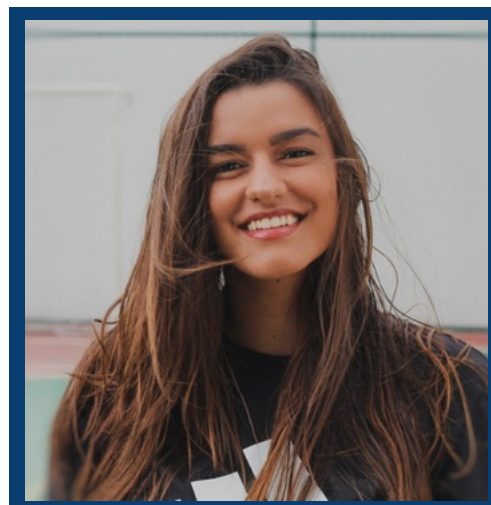
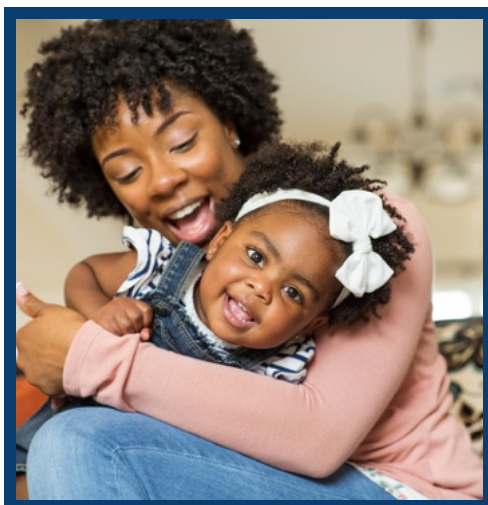
Planned Giving is flexible and can be customized to fit your financial situation. Here are some popular ways to give:

- Bequests in a Will or Trust: Designate a portion of your estate to Home of the Sparrow to provide lasting support.
- Retirement Plans & Life Insurance: Naming Home of the Sparrow as a beneficiary in your 401(k), IRA, or life insurance policy is an easy way to make a meaningful impact.
- Charitable Remainder Trusts: Provide yourself or your loved ones with income while ensuring future support for our programs.
- Stock or Real Estate Gifts: Donating appreciated assets can maximize tax benefits while supporting a cause close to your heart.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

By planning today, you can secure a brighter future for women and children in need. Whether you're considering a bequest or looking for the best way to structure your legacy gift, we're here to help.

For more information on how to get started, please contact Holly Dorn at 815-271-5444 or hdorn@hosparrow.org. Together, we can ensure that Home of the Sparrow continues its mission for generations to come.





CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



MINIMUM
AGE OF
16 YRS
OLD TO
APPLY!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS BI-WEEKLY // 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

INTERESTED? CONTACT TTORIBIO@HOSPARROW.ORG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TO OUR HOS VOLUNTEERS!



JANUARY:

Zuleyka A., Marie B., Ruben B., Mila B., Cali C., Angel C., Adria G., Mayra G., Nicole H., Ruth H., Richard J., Renna J., Nikko J., Riley K., Sofia K., Susan K., Marcus K., Steven K., Danielle L., Isabel L., Mary L. Hugo L., Shenita L., Elayna M., Diane M., Isabella M., Marla M., Luke M., Adrian M., Amelia O., Joselyn P., Krizelle R., Jacquelyn R., Sandra S., Julia S., Laura S., Taylor S., Rebecca S., Michael S., Afaaq S., Erick T., Ethan T., Mario T., Alex T., Cameron U., Matthew V., Mary V., Joshua V., Omar V., Riya V., Molly W., Gianna W., Jack W., and Sandra Z.

FEBRUARY:

Frank A., Cindy B., Serena B., Mary Lou B., Cathy B., Cristo C., Quentin D., Owen D., Hannah F., Aaliyah F., Mona F., William H., Alexis H., Saniyah H., Jon H., Anne J., Cynthia J., Sam J., Sanjay K., Jodi K., Jamie L., Joseph L., Leonardo L., Joyce L., Remiqiusz M., Ben M., Eduard M., Sophie M., Kevin N., Chris N., Esteban P., Sharon P., Gianna P., Samantha R., Carlos R., Silva R., Kenneth S., Brenda S., Brysan S., Elizabeth S., Joseph S., Estefania T., Gabriela U., Amber W., Sebastian W., Linda W. and Shelley W.

MARCH:

Diana A., Cari B., Jamie B., Wesley B., Jack C., Jasmynn C., Erika C., Victoria D., Travis D., Ann E., Nicholas F., Brody F., Mary G., Alondra G., Alinso G., Marisha G., Bryant G., Paige G., Lori G., Cathy H., Kristina H., Nia H., Damaso H., Drew H., Timothy H., Sandy I., Artemisa J., Monica J., Rebecca K., Richard K., Elai K., Jackson K., Lindsey K., Mia L., Aidan L., Parker L., Michelle L., Kathleen M., Sue M., Jaeden M., Jaden M., Brayden M., Donna M., Caelie M., Katherine M., Smrithi M., Sanvi P., Amanda P., Richard P., Lisa P., Margaret R., Alyssa R., Ava R., Karen R., Manuel S., Shelia S., Samuel S., Clarissa S., Mekael S., Amy S., Alvin S., Vincent S., Alison S., Tina T., Collin T., Kyna V., Tiffany W., and Bridgett W.



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

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MCHENRY

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

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MUNDELEIN

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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

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Third Lake, IL 60030
(847)752-8397

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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](#)

It's **SPRING** Time! cleaning

Donating to HOS & Making an Impact in **4 EASY** steps

1 Declutter Your Space



We Accept a Variety of New & Gently-Used Items!

2 Head to Nearest HOS location



7 Store locations:

Arlington Heights ♦ Cary ♦ McHenry
Mundelein ♦ Palatine ♦ Third Lake
Woodstock

3 Drop Off Items at Donation Center



Donation Hours:
10 AM - 4:30 PM

Schedule a Furniture Pickup!

4 Support Women & Children in Need



Every donation helps provide resources & support for those facing homelessness.

DECLUTTER YOUR SPACE



DONATE



SUPPORT OUR MISSION



Community Threads

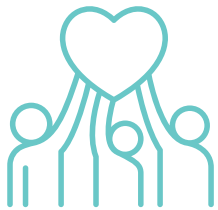
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URGENT

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



THANK YOU TO THE HOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Koenig

Peggy DeVorse

Jim Thorpe

John Eiermann

Chris Christensen

Sarah Crittenden

Dean Karamagianis

Jonathan Fox

Barbara Webb

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
Events@HOSparrow.org

DETAILS HERE





DONATE
\$1,000

Can provide Case Management services



DONATE
\$500

Can provide one month's rent for a family



DONATE
\$250

Can provide a week of childcare for a working mother



DONATE
\$100

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



DONATE
\$50

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



DONATE
\$25

Can 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, 2025 SPONSORS!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Each year, Home of the Sparrow helps hundreds of women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness. One way we fund our programs and services is through our annual fundraising events. We hope you will help support our efforts by becoming an event sponsor. As a participating sponsor, your company will benefit from extended exposure through promotional efforts including logo recognition on our website, social media platforms, e-blasts, newsletters, and more. For additional information about our different sponsorship levels for each event, please contact Events@HOSparrow.org or Call 815-271-5444 x262