

# The Song



Summer Edition 2025

## HOME OF THE SPARROW NAMED COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR BY MCHENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



We are honored to share that Home of the Sparrow has been named the 2025 McHenry County Community Partner of the Year by the McHenry County Community Development Department.

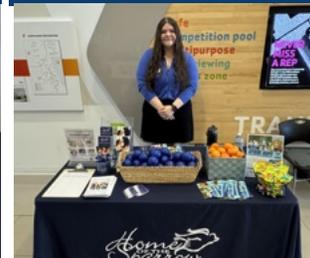
This recognition highlights our efforts to increase access to affordable housing in our community, including the recent launch of our Landlord Engagement Program. The program was created in partnership with agencies across the McHenry County Continuum of Care to connect local landlords with individuals and families in need of housing.

By offering ongoing support to both landlords and tenants, the program helps bring more units into the housing system and strengthens relationships across the community.

For 37 years, Home of the Sparrow has worked to support women, children, and individuals facing housing instability. We're grateful for this acknowledgment and thankful to our dedicated staff, partners, and supporters who make this work possible. Together, we'll continue working toward a community where everyone has a place to call home.

# 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.

<p>Twisted Limits Axe Throwing hosted a fundraiser for HOS!</p>	<p>Thank you, Huntley H.S students for donating hygiene items to HOS</p>	<p>HOS Sponsored the Annual Marketing Challenge at McHenry County College</p>	<p>Thank you Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for donating bedding and towel sets</p>	<p>Del Webb's Sun City selected HOS as their charity of choice at the 2025 Club Crawl</p>
				
<p>HOS Celebrates National Volunteer Week!</p>	<p>HOS provides new Trauma Kits to clients in our programs</p>	<p>HOS attended the Sage YMCA's Healthy Kids Day</p>	<p>HOS supporter, Melissa, donates "Blessing Bags" to women in our programs</p>	<p>Representative Bill Foster visits Home of the Sparrow</p>
				
<p>HOS attends the Johnsburg Area Business Association Expo</p>	<p>Mary Kay Rep Lisa Raupp Donates care packages for Mother's Day</p>	<p>Barrington Junior Women's Club awards grant to HOS!</p>	<p>HOS Palatine Sparrow's Nest Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary!</p>	<p>Prairie Grove Elementary Girls on the Run hosts donation drive for HOS</p>
				
<p>HOS on 101.5 FM Huntley Community Radio with Ron Giordano!</p>	<p>Mary Kay Rep, Lisa Raupp, provided additional self-care packages to our shelter!</p>	<p>HOS on 105.5 to promote McHenry Co. Landlord Engagement Program</p>	<p>Thank you to the volunteer group from Peace Lutheran Church!</p>	<p>HOS attends Turning Point's annual Gala to celebrate our continued partnership!</p>
				

## THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!



# GET INVOLVED WITH HOS

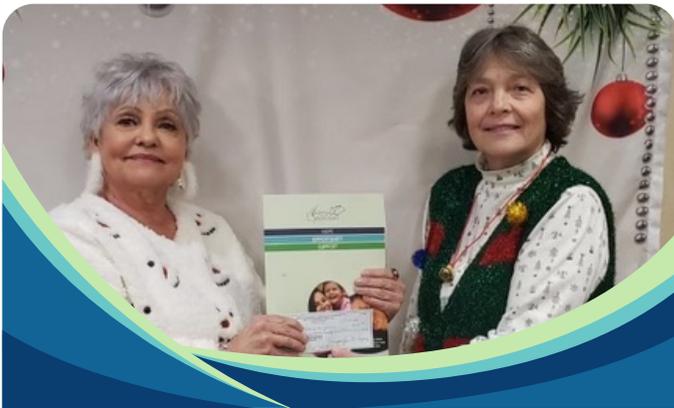
## Join our Sparrow Volunteer Family!

Volunteers are the heart of our agency, generously dedicating their time and talents to support Home of the Sparrow through fundraising events, office support at Headquarters, housing and shelter maintenance, yard work, and service at the Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores and Community Threads across Northern Illinois.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)



Questions about Volunteering? Contact [Volunteer@hosparrow.org](mailto: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 [Events@Hosparrow.org](mailto:Events@Hosparrow.org) or call 815-271-5444 x262



Community Threads

A Home of the Sparrow, Inc. Resale Store

# TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

Questions? Contact [Events@HOSparrow.org](mailto:Events@HOSparrow.org) or 815-271-5444 x262



## “FINAL SWING” ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2025

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BULL VALLEY GOLF CLUB

1311 CLUB ROAD

WOODSTOCK, IL 60098

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION](#)

# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE A HOME

Charity Gala in Honor of World Homeless Day

**OCT | 10 | 2025**

Holiday Inn's Elara Ballroom  
800 S. Rte (Crystal Lake, IL)

**SAVE THE DATE!  
MORE INFO COMING SOON!**



# WHY GENERAL OPERATIONS FUNDING ISN'T A BAD WORD—IT'S THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

**Dear Friends of Home of the Sparrow,**

When you think about the impact of your support, you probably picture the tangible results—safe housing, job coaching, mental health services, and stability for women and children facing homelessness. And you should. These outcomes are real and life-changing. But there's something else you make possible that's just as critical: general operations funding. We want to take a moment to shine a light on something that often gets misunderstood. In the nonprofit world, "operations" sometimes carries an unfair reputation, as if it's overhead or administrative fluff. But here at Home of the Sparrow, we see it for what it truly is: the engine that powers every program and every success story.

General operations funding covers everything behind the scenes, keeping the lights on in our shelters, ensuring our case managers and housing navigators are equipped and supported, paying for essential technology and compliance, and keeping our infrastructure strong so we can focus on serving people in crisis. ***You make this possible.***

Because of you, we are able to maintain a level of excellence in all we do. Your trust allows us to remain flexible, especially in times of uncertainty, like now, as government grant funding remains unpredictable. Having strong general operating support ensures that when a mother and her children knock on our door, we are ready.

We often say that **general operations funding isn't a line item—it's a lifeline.** It gives us the tools, talent, and time to deliver our mission every day, in every way.

We are deeply grateful for the trust and support you place in us. Your belief in our mission fuels everything we do. If you ever have questions, or if you'd like more information about how your support is used, we welcome you to reach out to **Holly Dorn** at **[hdorn@hosparrow.org](mailto:hdorn@hosparrow.org)** or by calling **(815) 271-5444 x224**.

Thank you for being an essential part of this work. Together, we are creating a stronger, more hopeful future for the women and children we serve.

*With gratitude,*  
**The Home of the Sparrow Team**



# We're a circle participant.

## Vote for us.

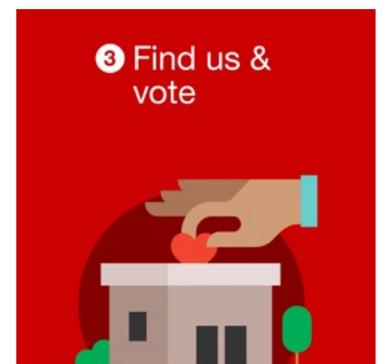
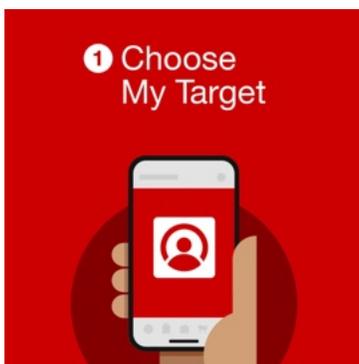
Vote for us in the Target app to direct Target funds that support our work in providing those experiencing homelessness with safe, affordable housing & resources!

Here's how:

**Step 1:** Choose 'My Target' in the Target app or 'Account' on Target.com

**Step 2:** Tap 'Cast votes'

**Step 3:** Find us & vote



Votes are acquired by making purchases at Target or on [Target.com](https://www.target.com). Voting goes until **September 30th, 2025** so remember to check-in on your votes every so often and cast them towards HOS!



# 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](mailto:TTORIBIO@HOSPARROW.ORG)**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TO OUR HOS VOLUNTEERS!



**April:** Isabella B., Sydney B., Mary B., Cheryl C., Janet C., Joanne G., Terry H., Anne J., Grant K., Gayle K., Adil K., Carrie M., Lucas N., Kim N., Ute P., Claire P., Roxanne R., Michelle R., Oliver S., Shashwat S., Vanessa T., Heather W.

**May:** Juandiego A., Mason B., Danah B., Mateo B., Ranjani C., Alexis C., Sue D., Denise F., Kevin G., Madeline G., Marcia H., Janet L., Kenadie L., Joan P., Alex P., Ivonne R., Peter R., Victor S., Elizabeth S., Joyce S., Annika V., Taylor W., Natalie Z.

**June:** Joshua A., Konnie A., Alyssah A., Angel A., Thomas B., Elizabeth B., Beth G., Annabelle G., Donna J., Jonathan K., Hailey L., Mary Jo M., Kimberly P., Juliette R., Gerald R., Christian R., Helena R., Ricardo R., Debbie Y.



## 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. 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. 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.

### 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

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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

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

### **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

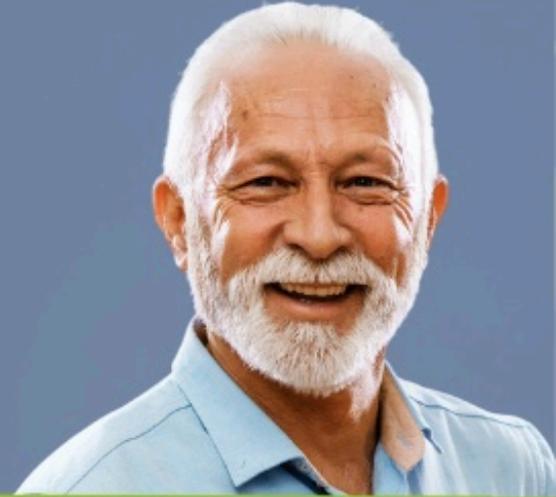
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# WHAT'S NEW AT THE HOS' THRIFT STORES?

## Senior Discount Age Change

Big news! Our Senior Discount is now available to anyone 55 and above across all our stores—including Community Threads and all Sparrow's Nest locations.

Seniors can enjoy **20% off every Thursday**, so mark your calendars and bring a friend!



## Introducing Student Discount Day!

We're thrilled to roll out our brand new Student Discount Day, happening every Saturday at all Sparrow's Nest and Community Threads locations!

Students who present a valid student ID at checkout will receive **20% off their entire purchase**.



## Back to School

As the back-to-school season approaches, don't forget—we're your one-stop shop for affordable dorm room supplies, study-ready furniture, small appliances, and more.

Whether you're heading to campus yourself or helping someone else prepare, check out our wide selection and save big while giving back.



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## INCREDIBLE PEOPLE, INSPIRING IMPACT

Thank you to some of the AMAZING faces of Home of the Sparrow!





## 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](mailto:Events@HOSparrow.org)

**DETAILS HERE**



# 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](mailto:LKellner@hosparrow.org)  
or Call 815-271-5444 x258



HOPE

OPPORTUNITY

SUPPORT



# 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 events 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](mailto:Events@HOSparrow.org) or Call 815-271-5444 x262



**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](http://WWW.HOSPARRROW.ORG/DONATE)  
OR MAIL A CHECK TO HOME OF THE SPARROW  
1991 DUNCAN PLACE, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098**

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