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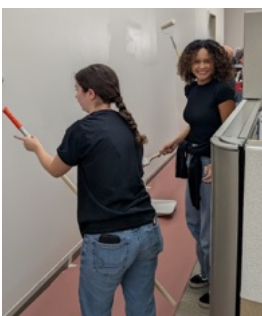
Fall Edition 2025

VOLUNTEER GROUP GIVES HOS HEADQUARTERS A FRESH NEW LOOK

A huge thank you to United Way of Greater McHenry County & Avient Corporation for volunteering with us!

Home of the Sparrow was thrilled to welcome a group of sixty volunteers who traveled by bus to our headquarters to lend a hand.

Together, they brightened our space with a fresh coat of paint and supported our team with some administrative projects. We are so grateful for their time, teamwork, and generosity!



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 GSNi Troop 22 for their cookie donation to our shelter!



Thank You to Christ Community Church - Huntley for volunteering with us!



Thank You to Zebra Technologies' Finance Dept. for volunteering with us!



Thank You to Northwestern Medicine for volunteering with us!



Thank you to Mark Mitchell from State Farm for his generous donation!



McHenry County and Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary selects HOS as Operation Little Angel program recipient



Thank you to Simplistic Holistics for hosting their "Workout for HOS" Event!



Thank you to Little City for volunteering with us!



Thank you to the youth group from St. Viator H.S for volunteering with us!



Our Landlord Specialist, Carly, attending the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in DC!



HOS @ Planet Palooza in the Woodstock Square!



Thank you NWM for your generous grant and partnership!



Thank you to Willow Creek for volunteering with us!



HOS @ Castle Subaru's "Stuff the Subaru" drive for Home of the Sparrow



The Sparrow's Nest - Third Lake Chamber Ribbon Cutting!



Thank you to Kovitz Shifrin Nesbit for volunteering with us!



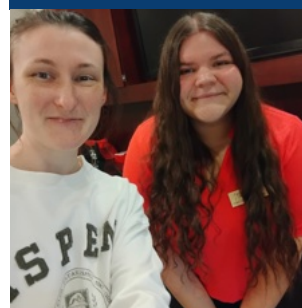
Thank you to Chris for donating a beautiful dollhouse to our shelter



Thank you to Grace Lutheran Church for your donation!



Thank you to J&G Pastries in Woodstock for visiting our HQ Office for a tour!



Thank you to Nothing Bundt Cakes (CL) for their generous donation of sweets



THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!



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 Events@hosparrow.org or call 815-271-5444 x262



Community Threads

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Home of the Sparrow Shelter Wishlist Drive

Your donation makes a real difference. Items purchased from our Wishlist will go directly to Home of the Sparrow's Transitional Shelter and to the women, children, and families served through our programs. These essentials help provide comfort, stability, and support as clients work toward independence. Home of the Sparrow serves individuals and families experiencing homelessness in McHenry County and Northern Illinois. **Thank you for helping us bring hope to those in need.**

KITCHEN ITEMS:

- Food Storage Containers
- Cutting Boards
- Liquid Measuring Cup Sets
- Knife Set with Block
- 13-gallon Trash Can*
- Glassware Sets*
- Coffee Makers
- Dish Sets*
- Pots & Pans
- Toasters*
- Bakeware

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Dishwasher Detergent Pods
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Broom & Dust Pan*
- Stick Vacuum
- Mop & Bucket*
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Dish Soap*
- 13-gallon Trash Bags
- Bathroom Trash Cans
- Ziplock Bags (All Sizes)

HEALTH & BEAUTY

- Hand Soap
- Tissues

ELECTRONICS & MISC:

- Kindle E-Reader
- Stockings & Stocking Stuffers
- Children's Tablet
- Budget Planning Books*

BED & BATH:

- Twin Bedding Sets (Adult and Child)*
- Queen Bedding Sets
- Twin Comforters*
- Towel Sets
- Pillows*
- Hangers*
- Laundry Baskets
- Shower Liners & Hooks

GIFT CARDS:

- Uber
- Shell Gas Station
- BP Gas Station
- PACE/Ventra



SCAN QR CODE FOR
FULL WISH LIST



*NOTES EXCEPTIONAL NEED

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT HOS HQ OFFICE: 1991 DUNCAN PLACE, WOODSTOCK, IL OR TO ANY OF OUR SPARROW'S NEST THRIFT STORES

Hosting a HOS Giving Tree

Host one of Home of the Sparrow's **Giving Trees** at your business/church/organization! Your community can select tags from the tree, purchase items from our Shelter Needs Wish List listed on the tag, and return them to your tree! HOS will pick up the items from your business and distribute them to the individuals in our programs.

DO YOU WANT TO HOST A TREE & HELP THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Contact LDalypost@HOSparrow.org or call 815-271-5444





MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT WITH A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

At Home of the Sparrow, we deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors, whose support helps us provide shelter, resources, and hope to women and children experiencing homelessness. If you're looking for a strategic and tax-efficient way to support our mission, a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) may be a great option.

WHAT IS A DONOR-ADVISED FUND?

A Donor-Advised Fund is a charitable giving vehicle that allows donors to contribute cash, stocks, or other assets to a dedicated account, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants over time to their favorite nonprofits, like Home of the Sparrow.

BENEFITS TO THE DONOR

- **Immediate Tax Advantages** – You receive an immediate tax deduction for contributions made to your DAF, helping you manage your taxable income efficiently.
- **Flexible Giving** – You can contribute to your DAF at any time and decide later when and how much to distribute to charities.
- **Investment Growth** – Funds in a DAF can be invested and potentially grow tax-free, allowing for greater charitable impact over time.
- **Simplified Record-Keeping** – A DAF consolidates your giving into a single account, making it easier to track your donations for tax and financial planning purposes.
- **Family Philanthropy** – Many donors use DAFs to involve their children and grandchildren in charitable giving, fostering a legacy of philanthropy.

BENEFITS TO HOME OF THE SPARROW

- **Sustainable Support** – DAFs enable donors to plan for long-term charitable giving, helping nonprofits like ours maintain financial stability.
- **Larger Impact Gifts** – Because DAF contributions can grow tax-free, they often lead to larger donations over time.
- **Consistent Funding** – DAF holders can schedule recurring grants, ensuring steady support for our programs and services.

HOW TO GIVE THROUGH A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

If you have a DAF with institutions like Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable, or a community foundation, recommending a grant to Home of the Sparrow is simple. Just log into your DAF account, search for our organization, and designate your gift. You can also set up recurring contributions to make a lasting difference.



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!



JULY: Devin A, Darlene B, Derin B, Colleen B, Eric H, Margaret I, Karen K, Yuliia K, Lynn M, Vesela N, Sandra N, Brad P, Sandra P, Sharon P, Adam R, Isabella R, Anne R

AUGUST: Camryn A, Isabella C, Dylan C, Cheryl E, Nicholas G, Bill H, Mary K, Rose K, Keerthi K, Julia L, Macy M, Diane M, Theresa O, Felipe O, Preston P, Victoria P, Sraavya P, Soffia Q, Darlene R, Julie R, Sofie S, Eileen T, Charles W

SEPTEMBER:

Selma A, Hollis B, Daksh B, Elizabeth B, Sharon B, Gene B, Ann D, Duron K, Sandra G, Kristin H, Mary Ann H, Nathan K, Judith M, Kim O, James O, Diane P, Bajdeep S, Janet S, Christopher V, Doreen W, Barbara 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

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Cary, IL 60013
(847)639-4082

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MCHENRY

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McHenry, IL 60050
(815)363-6008

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MUNDELEIN

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

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

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

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

COMMUNITY THREADS

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

[FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

WHAT'S NEW AT THE HOS' THRIFT STORES?



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Get ready for the holidays with us! Our stores are getting ready to bring out festive décor, gifts, and winter wear. Stop by soon — treasures move fast!



NEW SOCIAL HUB!

We're combining all Sparrow's Nest stores and Community Threads into one Facebook and Instagram page: Sparrow's Nest & Community Threads Thrift Stores. Now you can catch every sale, event, and update in one spot — be sure to follow along!



GIFT CERTIFICATES

Give a gift that gives back. Pick up a Sparrow's Nest or Community Threads gift certificate for friends and family — the perfect present for any thrifter!



BLACK FRIDAY

Mark your calendars! Black Friday is just around the corner, and our stores will have exciting discounts you won't want to miss. Watch our social media for details.



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**EVERY PURCHASE HELPS US PROVIDE SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. LEARN MORE AT HOSPARRROW.ORG**



THANK YOU TO THE HOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Koenig

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Peggy Devorse

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

WE'RE HIRING!



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT
MEANINGFUL MISSION
& MORE!

CLICK HERE FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS & APPLICATIONS

DETAILS HERE



INCREDIBLE PEOPLE, INSPIRING IMPACT

Thank you to some of the AMAZING Home of the Sparrow's volunteers!



RETAIL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Some of our thrift stores are in need of some volunteers. **Community Threads in Arlington Heights** and our **Mundelein and Woodstock Sparrow's Nests** need more helping hands. Whether you can give a few hours or a full shift, volunteering makes a huge difference.

INTERESTED?

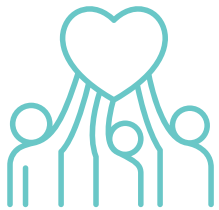
Ask in-store or email
Volunteer@hosparrow.org



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



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