



The Song



Spring Edition 2026

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN LUNCHEON 2026

On March 6, 2026, Home of the Sparrow proudly hosted its Annual Celebration of Women Luncheon - an inspiring afternoon where women and community partners came together to uplift local families. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of local partners and donors, \$80,000 was raised in support of our programs that provide safety, housing, and hope for the families we serve. The luncheon not only raised critical funds, but also awareness for the ongoing issue of homelessness among women and children right here in our community.

Guests enjoyed a memorable afternoon filled with dining, laughter, and meaningful conversation. We were especially honored to hear from our inspiring co-hosts, Jen Walz and Sharan Hildebrand, as well as a former client, whose insights and stories left a lasting impact on all in attendance.

Home of the Sparrow was also proud to recognize several local organizations for their exceptional support of our mission, celebrating outstanding women, dedicated volunteers, and community organizations making a remarkable difference in the lives of others.

Thank you to everyone in attendance!



CELEBRATION OF
Women

OUR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Home of the Sparrow welcomes the community's initiatives to help further 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.

Sue Maifield, and her P.E.O Chapter NO group dropped off personal care items, pillows, and more.



Thank you to Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church for their donation of wishlist essentials.



Advia Credit Union generously awarded HOS its 'Advancing Lives Grant'



The Stevenson Key Club assembled care packages for the residents of our shelter.



Thank you very much to the Community Associations Institute of Illinois for hosting a used Toy Drive to collect donations for our thrift stores!



HOS at the People in Need Forum at McHenry County College.



Christ Community Church Huntley spent 273 hours painting two of our new housing properties!



We're so grateful to the Rotary Club of Palatine for their generous grant in support of our Transportation Fund!



HOS at the Illinois Condo-HOA Conference & Expo! Thanks for the invite, Community Associations Institute.



McHenry County State's Attorney's Office visited for a thoughtful conversation about our programs and services.



Thank you to the Community Foundation for McHenry County for supporting our Landlord Engagement Program!



We had a great time at the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Masquerade Gala!



THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!



2026

Join Home of the Sparrow to...
**WALK FOR HOPE.
WALK FOR A CHILD.
CHANGE A LIFE.**

Register Today.
Bring Your Family.
Invite Your Friends.
**MAKE
AN IMPACT!**



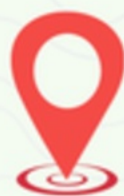
Every step you take helps a child and their family move from homelessness to **stability, safety and hope.**

DON'T MISS THIS POWERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH 10:00AM - 2:00 PM
WALK. CELEBRATE. CHANGE LIVES.



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- 1 Mile Fun Walk
- Food Trucks
- Live music
- Raffle Drawings
- Kids Games & Activities
- & So Much More!



**HOS Headquarters
1991 Duncan Place
Woodstock IL, 60098**



GET INVOLVED WITH HOS

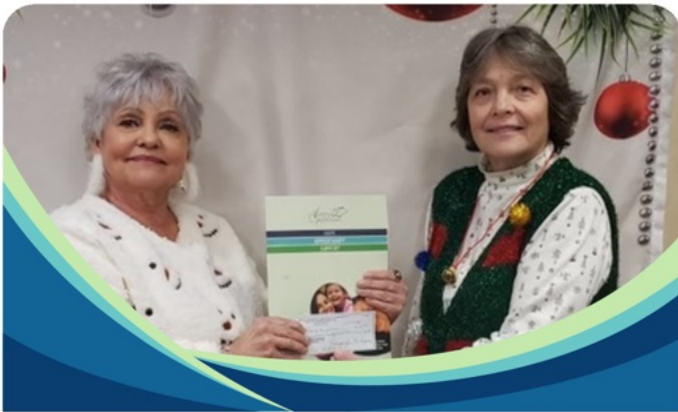
Join our Sparrow Volunteer Family!

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

A Home of the Sparrow, Inc. Resale Store



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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



STORE LOCATIONS

CARY

380 Northwest Hwy.
Cary, IL 60013
(847)639-4082

MCHENRY

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

MUNDELEIN

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

PALATINE

275 E Northwest Highway
Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 705-6852

THIRD LAKE

34500 N. US Highway 45
Third Lake, IL 60030
(847)752-8397

WOODSTOCK

120 E Calhoun St
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815)206-5070

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

WHAT'S NEW AT THE HOS THRIFT STORES?



FRESH IN! - SPRING INVENTORY HAS ARRIVED

Out with the heavy coats and in with the fresh finds! Our shelves are blooming with spring clothing, home décor, and outdoor treasures – and new donations are coming in every day. Whether you're refreshing your wardrobe, sprucing up your patio, or hunting for that perfect piece, now is the perfect time to shop.

Pro tip: Items are added daily – the early bird gets the best finds. Stop in often!

Earth Day on April 22nd



SHOP THRIFT FOR EARTH DAY

Every item you buy at Sparrow's Nest and Community Threads is one less thing in a landfill. Thrifting is one of the most impactful ways to reduce waste, conserve resources, and shop sustainably – and you help fund safe, affordable housing at the same time.

This Earth Day, celebrate by choosing secondhand. Share your finds with us on social media and show the world that doing good for the planet and your community can happen in the same shopping trip!

Mothers Day - May 11th



GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR MOM

Give the mom in your life the gift of the hunt! A Sparrow's Nest gift certificate is perfect for the mother who loves discovering treasures, decorating on a budget, or finding that one-of-a-kind piece. Let her shop what she loves – while your purchase helps change lives in our community.

Gift certificates are available at any of our seven store locations!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers throughout our stores! If you're interested in joining our team, reach out to Volunteer@hosparrow.org!



Community Threads

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



THANK YOU TO THE HOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Koenig

John Eiermann

Jim Thorpe

Sarah Crittenden

Chris Christensen

Jonathan Fox

Dean Karamagianis

Tom Hanna

Barbara Webb

Donna Jackowiak

BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER

We are excited to offer a variety of Community Partnership levels designed to engage and highlight local businesses.

As a Community Partner, your company will receive valuable exposure through HOS's promotional efforts while helping support meaningful programs in our community.

We welcome businesses of all sizes and are happy to work together to create partnerships that are flexible, budget-friendly, and impactful!

Interested in Learning More?

Please reach out to
Events@HOSparrow.org

[DETAILS HERE](#)



WE'RE HIRING!

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT
MEANINGFUL MISSION
& MORE!

[CLICK HERE FOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS & APPLICATIONS](#)

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! Our **Palatine, Third Lake, 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, and we would love to have you!

INTERESTED?

Email Volunteer@hosparrow.org
or call 815-271-5444 x260



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, 2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



PARTNERSHIP 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 our Community Partner. As a participating partner, your company will benefit from extended exposure through promotional efforts, including logo recognition on our website, social media platforms, e-blasts, newsletters, and more, while supporting an important cause. For additional information about our different partnership levels for each event, please contact Events@HOSparrow.org or Call 815-271-5444 x262