



# The Song



Summer Edition 2026

## HOPE FOR CHILDREN WALK 2026

On a warm, sunny morning in June, our community came together for an incredible cause. Thanks to the generosity and support of our participants, sponsors, volunteers, vendors, donors, musicians, and community partners, we raised nearly **\$12,000** to help local children and families experiencing homelessness. We had an amazing day soaking up the sunshine, enjoying kids' games, live music, delicious food, exciting raffles, and great company alongside a wonderful group of people.

More than half of the individuals we serve at HOS are children. Many of these young people have experienced the uncertainty of not having a place to call home, living in cars, hotels, or temporary arrangements without the stability and security every child deserves. Events like the Hope for Children Walk help change that by raised critical funds and awareness of this ever prevalent issue that exists right here in McHenry County and the surrounding areas.

At our transitional shelter, families find a supportive environment where they can work toward stability and self-sufficiency. Residents have access to communal kitchens, play areas for children, essential services, and the dedicated support of our staff and volunteers. The funds raised through the Hope for Children Walk directly support these efforts, helping families move from crisis to stability. Thank you for helping us bring hope, support, opportunity, and positive impact to children and families in our community.



# 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.

HOS Team visits Evanston Highschool to hear author Brian Goldstone speak on the working homeless.



Castle Subaru McHenry awards HOS with a \$10,000 donation from their "Share the Love" event.



Thank you to Lisa Raupp for creating Mother's Day Mary Kay self care kits for the women at our shelter.



HOS staff in the community at the Extreme Block Party in Mundelein!



Nicor Gas Volunteers clean up at the Palatine Sparrow's Nest.



Old National Bank generously presents HOS a \$15,000 housing grant!



Staff member Deandra Keyes receives the Francis Kuhn Businesses Scholarship.



The HOS All-Staff meeting was an inspiring time of sharing successes and future goals.



Girl Scout Troop 333 stopped by with donations for our clients in the shelter and beyond.



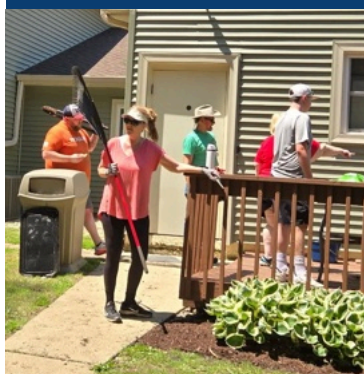
Northwest District Student Council gave our shelter clients a very generous kitchenware donation!



Peace Lutheran Church Volunteers paint a Sparrow's Nest store!



Chicago Church of Christ Volunteers plant flowers and clean up the backyard garden at our shelter.



## THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!



Home  
OF THE  
Sparrow



# A Million DREAMS

From Hope to Home



Step Right Up for a Magical  
Evening of Impact!



- Fine Dining & Wine Service
- Live Entertainment
- Craft Cocktails & Open Bar
- Exciting Auctions and Raffles

— all in support of a critical mission. Supporting women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Friday, September 18, 2026

Cocktail Hour: 6pm • Program Begins: 7:00pm

Crystal Lake Holiday Inn

800 S. Illinois Rte 31 (Crystal Lake, IL)



\$150/Individual Ticket \$1,100/Table of 8  
\$1,300/ Table of 10

SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER



CLOSES 9/4/26

# *A Home of the Sparrow Success Story...* **Finding her strength.**

“Jenny ” arrived at Home of the Sparrow’s shelter as a single mother of four after escaping a violent marriage. She had no stable housing, no job, and little confidence that she could support her children on her own.

Working closely with her case manager and Home of the Sparrow’s Employment Specialist, Jenny began to recognize her strengths and natural talents for organizing, problem-solving, and caring for others.

With consistent guidance and encouragement, she developed a resume, practiced interviewing skills, and rebuilt her confidence. Within weeks, Jenny secured a position as an administrative assistant at a local nonprofit. The steady income and flexible schedule allowed her to obtain safe housing and provide stability for her children once again.



Today, Jenny is thriving at work and is proud to be raising her family independently and without fear. We are forever grateful to our donors, grantors, and volunteers who make a difference in clients like Jenny’s lives!

# 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](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

# WHAT'S NEW AT THE HOS THRIFT STORES?

## THE DORM ROOM CHECKLIST STARTS HERE



Bed. Desk Lamp, Throw Pillow. First-Day Outfit. Check, check, check and check!

Furniture? We've got it. Housewares and cookware? Absolutely! Cozy linens and decor to make a tiny room feel like yours? You bet! Stylish clothing that won't blow the textbook budget? Of course. Cross everything off the list - support your community while you do it - at any of our seven locations.

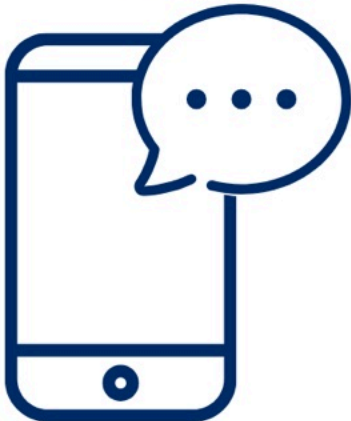
## NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW (TO YOU) EVERYTHING



Supplies, clothes and all the good stuff - thrifted and ready for September.

Why pay full price when you can find it for less - and feel great about it? Every July and August our stores across northern Illinois are packed with school supplies like notebooks, pens, and paper, plus kids' clothing that holds up to the first day and every day after. Shop Sparrow's Nest this summer and send them back in style.

## GET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS RIGHT TO YOUR PHONE!



Join our SMS notifications to get updates on all the best sales! It's easy to sign up! Just text your preferred store's code to 578-277:

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|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Arlington Heights | - CTRESALE | Palatine   | - SNP      |
| Cary              | - SNC      | Third Lake | - SPARROW1 |
| McHenry           | - SNMH     | Woodstock  | - SPARROW2 |
| Mundelein         | - SNMN     |            |            |



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**EVERY PURCHASE HELPS US PROVIDE SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. LEARN MORE AT [HOSPARROW.ORG](http://HOSPARROW.ORG)**



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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

### ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Volunteer@hosparrow.org)  
or call 815-271-5444 x260





Landlord Engagement  
Program (LEP)

# LANDLORD SPOTLIGHT

**TED ORZEHOSKIE**

Keelindslo Properties LLC



*"Home of the Sparrow's Landlord Engagement Program has allowed me, as a Christian, to help people that are having a difficult or temporarily tough time with their finances."*



More Information:  
[hosparrow.org](https://hosparrow.org)



Email Us:  
[landlords@hosparrow.org](mailto:landlords@hosparrow.org)

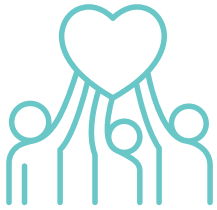


Contact Us:  
**815.271.5444**



# 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

# McHenry County Resource Center

Bringing community organizations together to connect people with the resources they need.

## Temporary Location

Mental Health Board  
620 Dakota Street, Crystal Lake

## Beginning June 19

10am - 2pm on Fridays  
(Closed the 5th Friday of the month)



## Shelter & Transportation

- Home of the Sparrow
- Pioneer Center
- RTA/Pace/MCRide
- Turning Point



## Medical & Food Assistance

- Advocate Mobile Health Van
- Crystal Lake Food Pantry
- Greater Family Health
- McHenry County Dept of Health



## Children & Family Services

- Break Teen Center
- Options and Advocacy
- Safe Families for Children
- Senior Services
- Youth and Family Center of McHenry County



## Veteran & Homeless Services

- Compassion for Campers
- Pioneer PADS
- Steven's Home
- Veterans Path to Hope
- Warp Corps



## Employment & Aid

- Circles McHenry County
- Consumer Credit Counseling
- Express Employment
- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)
- McHenry County College
- Prairie State Legal Services
- Sahara Homes & More
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Salvation Army Employment
- Unbranded Energy



## Mental Health & Support Services

- Association for Individual Development
- Circle of Hope
- Lake County Center for Independent Living
- Live4Lali
- New Directions
- Threshold



Need Emergency Shelter?

Call (815) 344-1230

[www.McHenryCountyHomeless.org](http://www.McHenryCountyHomeless.org)



**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**

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