DEAR FRIENDS,

Did you know that homelessness in Chicago has decreased by 17% since 2015? We are proud of the steady progress we made in 2017 and remain committed to ensuring all of our neighbors have a place to call home. All Chicago continues to prevent and end homelessness through emergency financial assistance, community partnerships, data analytics, and capacity building.

At All Chicago we believe that the power of our organization comes not from any one program, but from the passionate people who live and breathe our shared vision of all Chicagoans having a place to call home.

We are grateful for your support as we work to realize this vision.

We also recognize that each number in this report represents a person or family whose lives have been improved by our programs and community leadership. Our clients are your neighbors, colleagues, students, and friends. We will continue to build community partnerships, disburse crucial financial assistance, build the capacity of Chicago’s homeless system, and use data to drive decision-making to ensure our neighbors have safe, secure homes.

On behalf of All Chicago and those whom we serve, thank you for your partnership in this work.

Best,

Nonie Brennan
Chief Executive Officer
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Our Emergency Fund helps to prevent a short-term crisis from becoming a cycle of instability. We work with partner agencies to deliver funds to bridge the gap for our neighbors experiencing, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Our partner agencies refer their clients to the Emergency Fund, and any Chicago resident in need of assistance can dial 3-1-1 and request "Short Term Help" to be assessed and referred to funding that can keep them stably housed.

In 2017, we worked with the Chicago Association of REALTORS Young Professionals Network to organize a Furniture Build Out Day, where the young professionals purchased and assembled 20 furniture sets for families moving quickly from homelessness into homes. All Chicago coordinated with partner agencies so that these essential furniture items were delivered to 20 families who had just moved into their new homes. This project filled a critical need for our partner agencies and their clients, who often struggle to find funding for items like furniture.

We provide critical financial assistance to people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness or another serious emergency. Our Emergency Fund program quickly provide payments on a person’s behalf for things like rent, utilities, or even bus passes.

2017 Impact

3,559 households served

>2,328 children served

$2,856,844 distributed in emergency financial assistance
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We drive Chicago’s community-wide response to homelessness by serving as the backbone for Chicago’s Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care is a membership group that strategizes and plans a coordinated, comprehensive approach to providing housing and services for people experiencing homelessness.

All Chicago leads the Continuum of Care through a year-round research, evaluation, strategic planning, and federal funding application process. In 2017, we secured $68,304,040 in federal funding, which was directly distributed to 45 agencies administering 164 projects. This was an increase of $5,116,327 since 2016. Five new federally-funded projects were added to Chicago’s homeless system in 2017, which added 77 units for people experiencing homelessness.

We also helped our community partners improve their federally funded projects by conducting site visits at eight agencies. After working with these agencies on topics ranging from employment resources to key federal requirements, they improved their scores in the next evaluation cycle by an average of 12 percent. This assistance helps our community make a stronger case to bring in more federal funds to the homeless system.

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DATA ANALYTICS

We manage the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a city-wide database that collects and analyzes data on people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and the services they receive.

In October, All Chicago launched its cutting-edge Dashboard to End Homelessness. The Dashboard harnesses data from HMIS to depict how people experiencing homelessness access services and move to housing. All Chicago’s HMIS team developed the Dashboard to transparently share our homeless system’s progress.

The Dashboard is updated on a weekly basis to allow for real-time analysis and for the community to act on data to improve strategies that prevent and end homelessness. The Dashboard shows the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Chicago at any one time. It is updated with other key indicators that measure the collective progress of our homeless system, including the average number of days it takes to house someone experiencing homelessness and the number of openings in different housing programs.

The Dashboard is regularly used at community meetings to assess progress and drive decision making. It has been nationally recognized as a model for community dashboards that track homelessness.

You can access Chicago’s Dashboard to End Homelessness at allchicago.org/dashboard-to-end-homelessness
TRAINING AND RESEARCH

We provide trainings, workshops, research, and analysis to help our partners apply proven strategies to prevent and end homelessness in Chicago even more effectively.

In 2017, All Chicago offered 53 trainings to 1,197 attendees to build the capacity of our homeless system. Training topics ranged from Mental Health First Aid and Securing Employment to Housing First and Harm Reduction.

In 2017, we became certified to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to training participants. Illinois social workers must complete a certain number of CEUs to remain licensed, so we are proud to offer this professional development benefit to our partners.

All Chicago also offered 135 trainings for users of our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in 2017. One hundred agencies enter data into HMIS, which is a city-wide database that collects and analyzes data on people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and the services they receive. It’s crucial to train our 1,188 HMIS users to enter information accurately since HMIS data is used for federal reports about Chicago’s homeless system.

87% of attendees indicated they had gained knowledge from attending one of All Chicago’s trainings.*

FINANCIALS

At All Chicago, we are committed to using funds responsibly. For every $1.00 spent:

90¢ goes to programs
5¢ goes to operations
5¢ goes to development

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE: $7,474,032

GOVERNMENT $5,847,781
FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS $1,597,977
ALL OTHER $28,274

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: $7,307,095

90% PROGRAMS $6,565,483
5% MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL $390,112
5% FUNDRAISING $351,500

*Based on feedback surveys
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