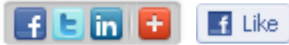


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## Notes from Home

### A Woman's Words

**"For the first time in my life, I am enjoying life.  
I'm soaking it in. I love this life"**

- Cheryl, a Deborah's Place tenant speaking at the new tenant welcoming party at the Rebecca Johnson Apartments

### ***Windy City Woman of Color Event Honors Deborah's Place Board Member***

Lisa Zambrano, Treasurer of the Deborah's Place Board of Directors, will be presented with the Pioneer Award at the Windy City Woman of Color (WCW) 2nd Annual Diamond Awards at Hotel Sax on Saturday, November 13.

Proceeds from event's silent auction will be donated to Deborah's Place and guests are asked to bring donations of briefcases and handbags to benefit the women we serve.

[WCW](#) is a forum for women to gain access to career advancement options, networking, and business opportunities. We are honored to partner with this organization and encourage Deborah's Place supporters to join us at the event.  
[Read more about the event here.](#)

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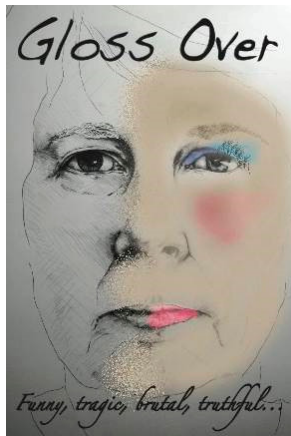
### ***Did You Know?***

Deborah's Place served 450 women in the past fiscal year, 17% more than the previous year.

Want to see how you and your

WCW 2nd Annual Diamond Awards  
 Saturday, November 13  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Hotel Sax - 333 N. Dearborn, Chicago  
 \$65 donation  
 Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction  
 Tickets can be purchased online at [the WCW website](http://the WCW website).

**Deborah's Place Participants' Stories Inspire Community Theater Project**  
**Her Story Theater Presents "Gloss Over" from November 5-7**



Her Story Theater, in partnership with Working Women's History Project, presents *Gloss Over* - a premiere performance based on stories told by participants of Deborah's Place.

*Gloss Over* is a multi-media theater piece that tells the stories of women who are homeless and formerly homeless. The losses, the victories, the haunting refrains are captured in this moving and informative performance. Throughout the evening, the true beauty of courage...[\(read more here.\)](#)

Proceeds to benefit Deborah's Place  
 Friday 11/5 & Saturday 11/6 at 7:30 pm  
 Sunday 11/7 at 3:00 pm  
 Performed at Salon Echo  
 1134 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Chicago, IL  
 Visit [www.herstorytheater.org](http://www.herstorytheater.org) for additional information

**New York & Los Angeles Designers Raise Funds for Deborah's Place**

Two high-fashion design companies joined forces to raise vital funds for Deborah's Place at a grand opening event this month.

Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo of [Visual Therapy](http://Visual Therapy), a fashion and design consulting firm based in New York City, and Christos Garkinos and Cameron Silver of [Decadestwo](http://Decadestwo), a luxury consignment store based in Los Angeles, held a joint celebration event on October 19 at Chicago's Ritz Carlton. The event celebrated the opening of the Decadestwo pop-up store in Chicago and the release of Visual Therapy's latest book "Work It!". A percentage of the proceeds were donated to Deborah's Place.

fellow supporters impacted the lives of hundreds of women in need this past year?  
 View our fiscal year 2010 fact sheet below.

**Deborah's Place breaks the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago.**  
 Through a combination of housing advice, comprehensive support services and opportunities for change, providing dedicated advocates and staff, women succeed in achieving their goals of stable housing, sustainable income and greater self-determination.

**Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness for Over 400 Women's Year**  
 Deborah's Place is the largest provider of housing and supportive services exclusively for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Chicago. In fiscal year 2010:

- 400 women made progress toward their goals of stable housing, sustainable income and greater self-determination through the housing program and supportive services of Deborah's Place.
- 400 women accessed educational or social/emotional development opportunities through our Learning Center.
- 62 women received help from the streets into our supportive housing programs.
- 64 women obtained or maintained sustainable income through employment or public benefits.
- 193 women received health services.

**The Women We Serve**  
 Deborah's Place serves women who are considered the "hardest to house" and who have been historically marginalized by society.

- 100% are single, unaccompanied women
- 62% experience chronic homelessness
- 70% are African-American
- 62% are between the ages of 41 and 60
- 4 of every 5 women live with a disability
- 100% of women housed at Deborah's Place have an income of less than \$25,000 a year

**Comprehensive Housing & Support Services**  
 Deborah's Place offers a continuum of innovative housing and personal housing options, all linked to vital supportive services, including:

- Education Services
- Employment Services
- Health Services
- Case Management & Counseling
- Case Change
- Daytime Support Services

**Three Locations in Chicago**

- East Garfield Park: 2022 W. Jackson Blvd.
- LaSalle: 1650 N. LaSalle Ave.
- Old Town: 103002 N. Sedgwick Ave.

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**Comprehensive, Cost-Effective, Proven Solutions**  
 As a leader in the field of supportive housing, Deborah's Place is committed to implementing and providing the housing first model, proven to be one of the most effective solutions to homelessness.

**Revenue Sources, FY11**

Source	Percentage
Government Grants	45%
Private Foundations	16%
Individuals	16%
Corporate	16%
Religious & Civic	1%
Other	1%

*"I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. There were so many times I asked myself 'Am I ever going to break out this nightmare?' In this ever going to end? And it's ending, and now it's beautiful."  
 -Tina, a resident of Deborah's Place*

For more information please visit our website, [www.deborahsplace.org](http://www.deborahsplace.org).  
 To contribute to our mission, please contact the Development Department at (773) 722-5300.

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This isn't the first time Jesse and Joe have supported our organization. This past spring Visual Therapy held a boutique sales event in Chicago and generously donated a portion of the evening's proceeds to our mission. They also visited the Deborah's Place Rebecca Johnson Apartments and donated signed copies of their books to the tenants, helping to inspire women through fashion and self-confidence.

Even though these two companies have roots in other cities, they know that homelessness affects our whole nation and that Deborah's Place work is vital to our community. We are so grateful for their support and look forward to partnering with them on future events!

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### ***Easy Ways to Help***

**In our fall and winter editions of the "Notes from Home" eUpdates, we will inform you of easy ways to help women who are homeless break out of their cycles of homelessness. Make sure to read each month's edition from September - March to discover opportunities to support our mission beyond what you already do. There may be ways to support Deborah's Place that you never thought of!**

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## celebrated chefs

Do you dine out? Do you ever use a credit card at restaurants?  
Do you want to help Deborah's Place just by dining out?  
For most of us, the answer to all of these questions is yes!

Well, now you can serve Deborah's Place while being served by participating in the [Celebrated Chefs dining rewards program](#). This unique program unites Chicago's best restaurants with supporters like you and the causes you love.

It's so easy! Simply dine at any of the fabulous Celebrated Chefs restaurants and 5% of your bill will be donated to our cause. There is no enrollment fee, and no additional fees if you sign up through Deborah's Place by calling (773) 638-6539.

There are nearly 100 fabulous participating restaurants all over the city and suburbs, including:

Atwood Cafe - Loop  
Bin Wine Cafe - Wicker Park  
Bistro Bordeaux - Evanston  
Carnivale - West Loop  
Dinotto - Old Town  
Erwin - Lakeview  
Michael - Winnetka



Sushisamba Rio - River North  
All Francesca's Restaurant Group locations  
[And many more!](#)

Help Deborah's Place raise funds all year long and enroll in Celebrated Chefs today by calling the Development Department at (773) 638-6539.



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