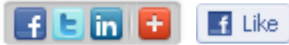


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A Woman's Words

"Deborah's Place is unique because we're developing leaders here. There are so many women that are successful in so many ways. We just need the resources to take it all the way."

- Emily, a Deborah's Place tenant speaking about her community advocacy work.

Supporters Collect Holiday Gifts and Bring Joy the Women of Deborah's Place

During the holidays, every program at Deborah's Place holds a holiday party for the women it serves. Whether residents or off-site participants, the women of Deborah's Place look forward to the holiday parties each year. For many, this is the closest thing to a family holiday celebration they will have. There is music, decorations, food, and a gift for each and every person who shows up. The reason this is possible is because of dedicated supporters like you.

Each year dozens of generous individuals and groups organize donation drives, host holiday parties, and individually drop off hundreds of gifts. They bring cheer to the women of Deborah's Place during the holidays and beyond, and we are deeply grateful for their kindness.

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Did You Know?

In addition to our monthly eUpdates, Deborah's Place also mails 3 - 4 paper

Please help us make the holidays joyous for the women we serve by donating the following items from our Holiday Wish List:

Deborah's Place Holiday Wish List
 Deborah's Place helps over 400 women a year make progress toward their goals of stable housing, sustainable income and greater self-determination. This holiday season please help us provide the women we serve with the following items:

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| <p>Women's Needs and Holiday Gifts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New rain size sheets, blankets and comforters New pillows New coolware sets (pots & pans, utensils) Shower curtains and curtain rings New socks and underwear (size L and up) Anti-thermal underwear New towels (soak, hand and face) New bath robes Sweat pants & sweat shirts Hats, gloves and scarves Slippers Cleaning supplies (Windex, Lysol, mop soap, mops, brooms, sponges, cleaning rags, liquid dish detergent, laundry detergent) Toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex Toiletries (full-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, combs and brushes) Gift cards to Target, Kmart, CVS, etc. GTA fare cards <p>Dolores' Safe Haven (15 women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All puffers New television for common area New rug and chairs for common area One-year subscription to Netflix <p>Marah's Permanent Housing (20 women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GTA fare cards Digitally-compatible televisions Cleaning supplies of all types <p>Patty Crowley Apartments (20 women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New vacuum cleaner \$5 gift cards for the Hardware Store One-year subscription to Netflix <p>Rebecca Johnson Apartments (20 women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DVD player with compatible TV Pool table equipment (chalk, cues, etc.) Digital converter boxes <p>Teresa's Interim Housing (10 women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microwaves Cleaning supplies of all types One-year subscription to Netflix | <p>Daytime Services (for all off-site participants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diapers Single-load packets of laundry detergent Toiletry bags Feminine hygiene products Small coffee makers Clock radios Small increment gift cards to Subway, Dunkin', Donuts, Jimmy Johns, or other small restaurants <p>Facilities / Property Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New in-laid mattresses 9 volt alkaline batteries Paint brushes and rollers Gift cards to Home Depot or Menards Carpet Shampoo/Extractor Vacuum cleaners Heavy-duty cleaning supplies (for wood, great and stainless steel) Disposable gloves and cleaning rags Digital camera <p>Clinical and Health Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift cards to Walgreen's or Osco for prescription medications Diabetes test strips for Glucometers (NovaMax, One Touch Ultra Mini, Pradige Smart System) Sealed and unexpired packages of Aleve, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, vitamins, cold and allergy medicines First Aid supplies Exotic/ethnic supplies (Depends/Contarily) Probiotic or low-cost dental supplies <p>Education and Employment Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 computer chairs Blank CDs and flash drives for computers Blank notebooks and other office supplies DVD movies CD / tape player Sets of books for book clubs (5-10 books) Jewelry boxes, brushes and tools Wooden arts & crafts items (for painting) Crochet hooks Gift Cards to Papyrus, Kmart, Target Magazine subscriptions Esseil Table top display One-year subscriptions to Netflix (2) |
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We are unable to accept donations of used clothing, shoes or linens. We request that donated items are new and unwrapped. Please drop off gifts by **Friday, December 17, 2010** at 2822 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. To arrange to drop off your gifts, please contact Stephanie Dixon at (773) 722-5086 or sdixon@deborahsplace.org

To learn more about how you can help make the holidays brighter for the women of Deborah's Place, [visit our website.](#)

Changes to In-Kind Donation Policies

In-kind donations of goods or services help Deborah's Place improve and maintain quality programs and provide the women we serve with the resources they need to succeed. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all of our in-kind donors.

IRS regulations state that nonprofit organizations are no longer able to include the estimated or real value of your donation or goods or services in donor acknowledgment letters. The valuation of any gift-in-kind is the responsibility of the donor and/or authorized appraiser. If a non-cash contribution exceeds \$500, the donor must file IRS Form 8283. Please consult with your tax advisor about this matter.

We continue to ask that you state the estimated or real value of your donation on the In-Kind Donation Form that you are to complete at the time of your donation. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Sue Gries, Director of Finance at sgries@deborahsplace.org or (773) 635-6575.

Investing In Communities (IIC) Real Estate Program Raises Funds for DP Innovative Program Featured in Chicago Sun-Times

Individuals and businesses can now generate financial support

newsletters each year. Check out our most recent Holiday Newsletter now by clicking the image below, and [sign up on our website](#) to receive a copy of your own in the future!



Help us spread the word about our programs and services!

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for Deborah's Place at no personal cost by making their real estate transactions IIC® transactions!

IIC is a simple program that will enable our supporters to continue their philanthropy through difficult times, just by satisfying their existing real estate needs. The process is easy:

- 1. An IIC Friend (consumer of real estate services) approaches an IIC Broker Member with a real estate need. (Friends may also ask their preferred broker to join IIC if he or she is not already a Member. It's fast and easy!)**
- 2. IIC Broker Members agree to pledge no less than 10% of their commission to the IIC Nonprofit Partner(s) the Friend selects.**
- 3. IIC distributes funds generated by transactions to the selected Nonprofit Partners on a quarterly basis. Friends direct the philanthropy, but the cost is at the Broker Member's expense.**



IIC has already raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for worthy charities, and IIC founder Michael Pink was recently featured in the [Chicago Sun-Times](#).

We encourage all individuals, businesses, and real estate professionals to inquire about participating in Investing In Communities.

Read more about the program [on our website](#) or visit www.iiconline.org. Become a part of IIC, and help tell the world to GET GIVING_{sm}!

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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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](#).

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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