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Deborah's Place E-Update

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Notes from Home



Journeys...



Mary McFadden (l), Deborah's Place tenant and winner of the Renewal of Spirit Award, and Bonnie S. Hawkins (r), Gala Chair, at the 2011 Annual Gala on June 17.

[See more pictures from the 2011 Annual Gala!](#)

Mary became homeless after a series of unfortunate events. Without family or friends to support her in her time of need, Mary ended up alone on the streets. For two and a half years she didn't know where she would sleep at night, where her next meal would come from, and what dangers she would encounter. With no access to employment or other resources to regain her stability, she felt trapped within the trauma and chaos of homelessness.

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When Mary moved into the Deborah's Place Rebecca Johnson Apartments in 2005...

[Read the rest of Mary's story.](#)

2011 Annual Gala "Opens Doors for Women in Chicago"

On June 17, hundreds gathered at the Chicago Cultural Center for the 2011 Annual Gala and raised over \$120,000 for the women and work of Deborah's Place. [See pictures from this memorable event!](#)

GODOGOOD Chicago Loop Project Supports Deborah's Place

Photography Show Features Participants & Staff

Have you seen the yellow banners scattered throughout the Loop and the six-story mural above the Old Navy building at State & Washington? [Read how the GODOGOOD campaign is helping us share our story.](#)

Deborah's Place Chief Operations Officer Presents at National Conference

On July 14, Deborah's Place Chief Operations Officer, Kathy Booton Wilson, presented at the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington D.C. Kathy shared how Deborah's Place is promoting and supporting women's transition to life beyond supportive housing. [View her presentation on creating successful exits from supportive housing.](#)

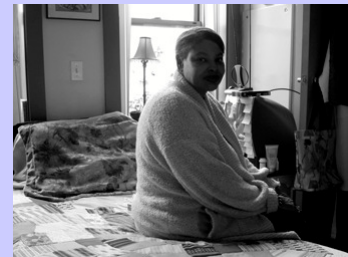
Last Chance to Take the Challenge and Double Your Impact! Every Dollar Raised Will Be Matched!

Show your friends and family how much you care about ending homelessness AND double each dollar donated to Deborah's Place by participating in the **25 for 25 Challenge!**

[HURRY! THE CHALLENGE AND MATCHING GIFT END JULY 31!](#)

Real Estate Company Raises Funds For Deborah's

Volunteer



Place at Summer Event and Beyond

Join @properties - a Chicago-based real estate brokerage - on Saturday, August 6 for **CHICAGO Revealed: A History and Taste of Chicago Breweries and Distilleries**, where half of event proceeds will benefit Deborah's Place programs and services.



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