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Deborah's Place E-Update

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Notes from Home Holiday E-Update



Journeys...

This Holiday Season we're sharing the journey of Angela, a woman whose story is familiar in today's world, yet uniquely her own.

Angela was living the American Dream. She had a home, a good job, and some savings for a rainy day.

Then one day, it was gone.

"All of a sudden it hit me: 'Wow! This is happening to me.' I felt hopeless. When you're used to doing things on your own, you feel ashamed to ask others for help."



[Read more about Angela's journey and how Deborah's Place is helping her re-build her life.](#)

You Make the Difference!

How You Can Give Hope and Home this Holiday Season

Looking for ways to give back this holiday season? Here are a few ways you can make the holidays brighter for women in need:

DONATE: We rely on your generosity to keep our programs running. Every amount makes a big difference. Did you know that just \$40 can provide new boots for two women to face the Chicago winter?

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VOLUNTEER: Gather a group of 6-10 people to prepare and serve a full meal for 30 women at the Marah's Housing Program. (All other programs are full for the holidays.)

COLLECT: Help us give holiday gift bags to our 184 residents and 200+ off-site participants by collecting items from our [Holiday Wish List](#). Or, hold a [food drive](#) or donate [grocery gift cards](#) with a personal note that we'll share with the women.

Documentary Screening to Benefit Deborah's Place Northeastern Illinois University Events in January & February

The Northeastern Illinois University Social Work Program, along with several campus co-sponsors, are hosting screenings of the critically-acclaimed documentary, [Miss Representation](#), to promote the empowerment of women and girls and raise funds for women who are homeless.

January 24, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

January 31, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

February 3, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

\$5 for students

\$10 for non-students

**Proceeds will be donated to
Deborah's Place.**

[Learn more about the film and
purchase tickets here.](#)

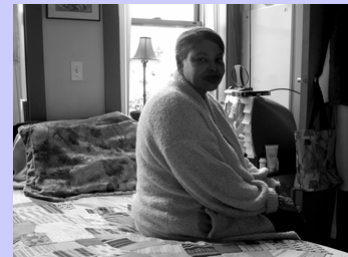


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Attention Old Town Residents & Do-Gooders Alike!

Old Town Holiday Drive Now Through 12/22

Do you want to give back this holiday season? Join the [Old Town Merchants and Residents Association](#) in their Old Town Holiday Drive! Participating businesses in Old Town are encouraging donors to drop off non-perishable food, toys, cleaning supplies, and toiletries at marked donation boxes throughout the neighborhood. Donations will be given to several worthy local organizations, including Deborah's Place. [Click here for drop off donations.](#)

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off - January 28, 2012

Food! Live Music! Prizes! Kid's Games! Tours! Friends & Fun!

It's that time of year again: Dust off your crock pot, don your chef hat, and put your cooking skills (or taste buds) to the test at the 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off!

[4th Annual Chili Cook-Off](#)

Hosted by the Deborah's Place President's Circle

Saturday, January 28, 2012

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Deborah's Place Gym, 2822 W. Jackson Blvd.

\$25 suggested donation

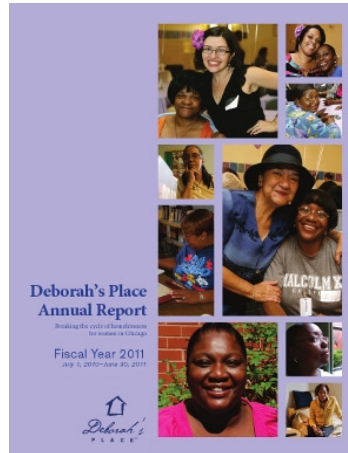
[Click here to learn more.](#)



A Year of Accomplishments Amidst Challenges

**Deborah's Place Fiscal Year
2011 Annual Report**

Our fiscal year 2011 [Annual Report](#) is now available on our website. Click the image to the right to read about our accomplishments, generous supporters, and financial position this past fiscal year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011).



2012 Tour & Coffee Hours at Deborah's Place

Experience, Engage, Expand

Get an inside look at Deborah's Place at our [Tour & Coffee Hours](#). Experience a guided tour of our facilities, engage with residents and staff, and expand your knowledge of the issues of homelessness. Find out more and R.S.V.P. by contacting Carol Brumer Gliksmann via e-mail or phone: [cgliksmann@deborahsplace.org](mailto:cgliksman@deborahsplace.org) or (773) 638-6536.

Upcoming Tour & Coffee Hours:

Saturday, February 18

Saturday, April 21

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