Dear Friends,

In FY18, Deborah’s Place set an ambitious strategic goal of doubling the number of women we serve by June 2022. We are thrilled to report that we did just that! In FY22, we served over 600 women through our project-based and community-based housing programs, interim housing program and alumnae services.

Like everyone else, we were still managing the COVID pandemic with testing, masking, isolation and other precautions that impacted the day-to-day operations of our programs.

However, we took on the challenge of a new housing program called Rapid Rehousing and over the course of the year, we helped house more than 100 women through this program. This included identifying landlords that would take subsidies (no small feat), assisting the women with selecting furniture from the Chicago Furniture Bank and providing all the household goods that each woman needed to set up her new apartment. Many of those household goods came from generous donors who told us how much they enjoyed shopping for sheets, towels, pots and pans!

We also know that we could not have housed additional women without our amazing partners (many of whom are listed in this report) and we are grateful for the shared vision and commitment to end homelessness for unaccompanied women in Chicago.

We are looking forward to FY23 and expanding existing and forging new partnerships for housing, health and employment.

Our ability to serve and do our work is because of your generous support. We hope that you find our FY22 Annual Report informative and inspiring.

With Gratitude,

Bruce Traan
Board President

Audrey Thomas
CEO
Who We Serve

92% of the women we served lived at or below the Federal Poverty Line

89% of the women we served were diagnosed with a disability

71% of the women we served were African American

70% of our residents were over the age of 45

68% of our residents experienced chronic homeless before finding a home through Deborah’s Place

Highlights

605 women received dedicated support in gaining a steady income and housing and achieving their self-identified goals

159 of those women were new to Deborah’s Place

92 of them transitioned to permanent housing

94% of residents maintained their permanent supportive housing
In 2021, approximately 3,023 unhoused people found refuge living in a Chicago shelter, according to findings reported in Chicago’s Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey Report. For Mildred, a resident of the Patty Crowley Apartments, living in a shelter is a time she would rather forget, but it has made her all the more grateful for her home at Deborah’s Place.

Mildred’s life without a home began with her mother’s death. At the time, she lived with her mother and was her caretaker. After her mother’s passing, Mildred was without a place to live or a job, so she moved to Wisconsin in search of both. Without any success in Wisconsin, she returned to Chicago within months of initially moving away, but she still lacked resources. Thus Mildred spent many years chronically homeless.

For five years, Mildred migrated from shelter to shelter. The constant distress and instability of temporary housing robbed Mildred of her sense of peace and safety. She reached her breaking point after being evicted from her housing after defending herself from sexual assault. Deeply depressed by the eviction, Mildred called 311 for assistance, and eventually, she was referred to Deborah’s Place.

“I have peace now. I didn’t have that before. It feels good to have a key in my hand. It’s my key to my door.”

Mildred has described the staff of Deborah’s Place as her family. She is grateful for the level of care she receives and appreciates being invited to participate in activities and celebrations. Since moving into the Patty Crowley Apartments, Mildred has authored a book titled Grace Among the Shores. She attributes living in safe and stable housing to allowing her to peruse her dreams again.
Financials

Revenue
Total: $6,507,112
- Government: 39%
- Rentals: 23%
- Individual: 18%
- Corporations/Foundations: 16%
- Civic/Religious: 2%
- Events: 1%
- In Kind: 1%
- Program: 1%

Expenses
Total: $6,414,015
- Fundraising: 5.8%
- Admin: 11.0%
- Program: 83.2%
FY22 Board Members

**Board Members**
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**Community Partners**
- All Chicago
- Ameriprise Financial
- Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
- Center for Housing and Health/AFC
- Chicago Recovery Alliance
- DePriest Family Foundation
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Heartland Alliance Health
- Interfaith Housing Development Corporation
- The Emergency Fund
- To Walk in My Shoes
- White Castle

**Government Partners**
- Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Chicago Housing Authority
- Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Housing Development Authority
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**Major Institutional Partners**

**A. Montgomery Ward Foundation**
- Anonymous Corporation
- Anonymous Foundation
- Anonymous Angel Fund
- Bailey Family Foundation
- Barker Welfare Foundation
- Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
- Bowman C. Lingle Trust
- Chicago Foundation for Women
- Conant Family Foundation
- Crown Family Philanthropies
- Cuore e Mani Foundation
- Dr. Scholl Foundation
- Edmond & Alice Opler Foundation
- George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities
- Hoellen Family Foundation
- Jack Miller Family Foundation
- James P. and Brenda S. Grusecki Family Foundation
- John & Susan Dewan Foundation
- Joyce Family Foundation
- Julius N. Frankel Foundation
- Kazemek Family Fund
- Kenilworth Union Church
- Leo S. Guthman Fund
- Little Flower Fund
- M.B. and Edna Zale Foundation
- McGowan Gin Rosica Foundation
- Midland National Life Insurance Company
- Northern Trust Charitable Trust
- Nuveen
- Old Town Triangle Association
- Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund
- Pierce Family Charitable Foundation
- Polk Bros Foundation
- St. John’s of the Cross Women’s Club
- Sulzer Family Foundation
- The Chicago Temple Fund
- The Owens Foundation
- United Way
- VNA Foundation
- W.P. & H.B. White Foundation
- Wellington Ave Union Church of Christ
- Winnetka Congregational Church of Benevolence Committee
Mission Statement

Deborah’s Place opens doors of opportunity for women who are homeless in Chicago.

Supportive housing and services offer women their key to healing, achieving their goals and moving on from the experience of homelessness.

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“As always, thank you for your support which allows us to create welcoming spaces at Deborah’s Place for everyone who enters our doors.”

Audrey Thomas, CEO