



Deborah's
Place

2022 **Annual
Report**

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 homelessness 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





Grace Among the Shores

TW: Mention of sexual assault

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."

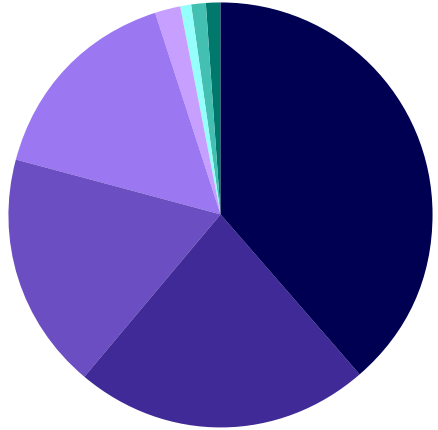
Mildred has described the staff of Deborah's Place as her family. She is grateful for the level of care she receives and appreciates being invited to participate in activities and celebrations. Since moving into the Patty Crowley Apartments, Mildred has authored a book titled *Grace Among the Shores*.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

Financials

Revenue

Total: \$6,507,112

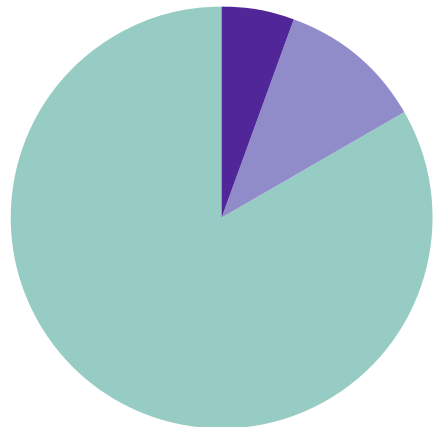
Government	39%
Rentals	23%
Individual	18%
Corporations/Foundations	16%
Civic/Religious	2%
Events	1%
In Kind	1%
Program	1%



Expenses

Total: \$6,414,015

Fundraising	5.8%
Admin	11.0%
Program	83.2%





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Heartland Alliance Health
Interfaith Housing Development Corporation
The Emergency Fund
To Walk in My Shoes
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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

Major Institutional Partners

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VNA Foundation
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Wellington Ave Union Church of Christ
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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



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