



Deborah's
Place

**FISCAL YEAR 2016
ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Friends,

In January 2016, the City of Chicago conducted its annual point-in-time homeless count. The count, which takes place throughout the city of Chicago, travels through various neighborhoods, overnight shelters and even public transportation lines. Deborah's Place is one of only two agencies that coordinates volunteers for the count on the West Side. The results of the count showed that while the overall number of people who are homeless has decreased, there's been an increase in the number of unaccompanied and unsheltered women.

What does this mean for Deborah's Place? In order to answer this question, we began our strategic planning process in March, a year earlier than scheduled. While the plan is still in progress, one thing we know is that we want to serve more women. And according to the point-in-time count, there are still many who need our services.

To help women move on from the experience of homelessness, we have expanded our community based services and launched a transitions program to accommodate more women. In fiscal year 2016, we helped 49 women move from the streets and shelters into interim and permanent supportive housing, and 54 women moved on from Deborah's Place housing into more independent living. In this report, you can read about Nancy and her journey of moving on and becoming more independent.

We hope for a future when no woman has to experience homelessness, but until that day, Deborah's Place is committed to opening doors of opportunity for those who need us. We thank you for investing in our work and in the women we serve.

With gratitude,

Audrey Thomas
CEO

Robin Ross
FY16 Board President



Our Impact in Fiscal Year 2016

321

women made progress toward their goals of stable income, stable housing and greater self-determination.

177

women achieved greater financial security by increasing or maintaining their income.

97%

of supportive housing residents maintained their housing at Deborah's Place or relocated to stable housing.

174

women experienced improved health through participation in health services.

95%

of women had health insurance coverage.

Nancy's Moving On Story



Last summer, Nancy received a subsidy from the city that allows her to live independently after thirteen years in supportive housing at Deborah's Place in the Rebecca Johnson Apartments. She waited more than a year to hear if she was approved for the subsidy. She recently moved into her new apartment, right around the corner from her home at Deborah's Place. Now, she is ready to make a new home and a new start.

Nancy endured an abusive and isolated family environment in her early life. Kept inside the house and made to cook and clean, Nancy wasn't allowed to go to school, work

and church. So when her parents died unexpectedly, she was left completely unprepared to live on her own. With nowhere to turn, she accumulated debt, developed a substance use problem and became homeless.

In 2003, after decades of life on the street, she came to Deborah's Place and began to learn how to care for herself. "This place has helped me grow. Spiritually and physically, I've learned how to take care of myself better. I've learned how to survive as a human being and be on the right track."

"I've met people here who want me to do better, who want me to make it."

Nancy credits Deborah's Place with giving her the security to grow and the tools she needs to succeed. Case management helped her get a steady income from employment and public assistance. She was able to fix her credit, open a bank account and begin saving money. At the learning center, she was encouraged to express herself through writing. She's had some personal essays and opinion articles published, particularly about food deserts and scarcity in impoverished communities, like East Garfield Park.

While Nancy is grateful to Deborah's Place for its role in her recovery, she is ready to move on. She looks forward to her grandchildren being able to sleep over at her apartment when they visit. Also, thanks to her work with her Deborah's Place case manager and an employment specialist, Nancy received job training and began a new job through the Easterseals Senior Community Service Employment Program.



But as excited as she is to live independently, she is still tearful when she speaks about leaving Deborah's Place. "I grew up here," she said. "Those 13 years that I was here, I grew up. Because I really knew nothing, and I learned... how to deal with people, how to accept people as they are, because I want to be accepted..." Leaving is bittersweet, because as she says, Deborah's Place makes her feel safe and cared about. "I've met people here who want me to do better, who want me to make it."

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,523,372
Accounts receivable	\$6,128
Grants receivable	\$280,446
Contributions receivable	\$141,861
Prepaid expenses, deposits and other	\$105,143
Operating, replacement and insurance reserves	\$998,656
Investments	\$1,010,909
Land, buildings and equipment	\$6,543,723
Intangible assets	\$25,421
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,636,659

Liabilities

Mortgage notes payable	\$6,356,694
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$132,509
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,489,203

Net Assets

Unrestricted:

Operations	\$3,222,232
Board designated for Endowment Fund	\$702,341
Temporarily restricted	\$222,883
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,147,456

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$10,636,659
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Revenue and Support

Support:

Individuals	\$521,658
Foundations, churches, corporations & organizations	\$733,962
Government grants and contracts	\$1,677,067
In-kind services	\$58,287
Fundraising events	\$157,026
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$3,148,000

Program revenue:

Rent and rent subsidy	\$1,017,174
Program rents	\$33,640
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$1,050,814

TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	\$43,898
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$4,242,712
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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Functional Expenses

Program services:

Housing programs and services	\$1,814,168
Community housing and services	\$216,426
Clinical and health services	\$605,385
Deborah's Place II	\$530,025
Deborah's Place III	\$1,009,573
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$4,175,577

Supporting services:

Management and general	\$388,249
Fundraising	\$255,899
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$644,148

TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES **\$4,819,725**

Decrease in consolidated net assets - operations (\$577,013)

Net Assets, Beginning of the Year \$4,724,469

TOTAL NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR **\$4,147,456**





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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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