



Fiscal Year

2017

Annual Report

Dear Friends,

In 2016, we started our strategic planning process early in response to the increasing number of unaccompanied, unsheltered women in Chicago. We approved this five-year strategic plan this past June, and we set a very ambitious goal for ourselves – we want to serve 600 women annually in our project-based housing, community-based housing and alumnae services by June 30, 2022. That's nearly double the number of women we serve now!

Deborah's Place has always been a forward-thinking organization, always adapting to meet the needs of the community and the women we serve. We approach this goal with the same entrepreneurial spirit. We will look for opportunities to create meaningful partnerships, explore new funding streams and grow our fundraising program to increase private revenue.

We want to thank our past Board President, Robin Ross, for six years of service to Deborah's Place, three as President. She was instrumental in helping us develop our strategic plan and position us to achieve our goals. Our current Board members are committed to moving the plan forward as they lead us through the next five years.

Although the two-year budget impasse ended in our state, it reminded us of the uncertainty of all government support for human services organizations, like Deborah's Place, that are part of the safety net that helps the most vulnerable people in our community. The way we face the unknown challenges ahead is by fulfilling our mission to open doors of opportunity for women experiencing homelessness in Chicago. We couldn't do that without your support.

With gratitude,



Audrey Thomas
CEO



Sapuli Sara Capulli FY18 Board President

# **FY17 IMPACT**



350

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

**95%** of participants had health insurance coverage





155

Women achieved greater financial security by increasing or maintaining their income

**95%** f supportive housin

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



# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,735,098
Accounts receivable	\$ 11,220
Contributions receivable	\$ 312,001
Prepaid expenses, deposits and other	\$ 88,554
Operating, replacement and insurance reserves	\$ 958,507
Investments	\$ 1,110,556
Land, buildings and equipment, net	\$ 6,102,373
Intangible assets	\$ 12,635
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,330,944
LIABILITIES	
Mortgage notes payable, net of debt issuance costs	\$ 6,338,090
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$ 181,282
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,519,372
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	
Operations	\$ 2,854,024
Board designated for Endowment Fund	\$ 805,011
Temporarily restricted	\$ 152,537
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,811,572
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 10,330,944

More detailed financials can be found on our website www.deborahsplace.org.

### **DEBORAH'S PLACE HONORED WITH 2017 INSPIRE AWARD**

The Presence Saint Joseph Hospital Inspire Award is presented annually to a community leader or organization who exemplifies the values that inspire the hospital's outreach to the community. The Award recognizes inspirational leadership from an individual or organization who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance the well-being of communities the hospital serves.



"We all share a vision of a community where every woman has affordable housing and leads a safe, healthy and empowered life." Deborah's Place is honored to be the recipient of this award. Together, with our community partners, we will continue working toward improving the lives of women experiencing homelessness in Chicago.

### WHAT MAKES DEBORAH'S PLACE UNIQUE



Based on external research, internal data and over 32 years of experience, Deborah's Place believes that women who experience chronic homelessness can overcome complex barriers to housing, good health and stability when they have access to safe, affordable and appropriate housing, adequate healthcare, regular income and positive social supports. Success is

achievable through our **unique** model that weaves together supportive housing with a menu of voluntary, evidence-based services that we deliver in an intentional environment that recognizes each woman's strengths & abilities; and fosters a sense of belonging and community.

## YOU HOLD THE KEY

Your support is vital to the work of Deborah's Place. Together, we can help women unlock the door of opportunity to recover from the experience of homelessness and lead a better quality of life.



# **THANK YOU**

We'd like to thank the following corporations and foundations for their extremely generous support in FY17:

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I'd like to say thank you. There's so many more like me out there—there's such a need and every bit of support is a blessing and it is appreciated very, very much.

- Deborah, resident

I appreciate anything you have done or anything you plan to do in the future because there are homeless women out there that need you, need a place to go, and someone to talk to.

- Paula, resident



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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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