

housing FORWARD

ending homelessness



Our Vision

the end of homelessness

Our Mission

**to transition people from housing
crisis to housing stability**

Our Values

Client-centered services delivered with dignity and respect.

- > Collaborative relationships
- > Open communication and information sharing
- > Community support
- > Integrity, passion, perseverance and the pursuit of excellence in our work

Our Service Area



**20+ communities
in west suburban
Cook County**

-  Shelter Locations
-  Supportive Housing Units
-  Prevail Program Offices
-  Housing Forward Headquarters

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History and Background

- **Started in 1992 in the communities of Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park as a grassroots organization.**
- **Formal shift from a shelter/crisis response to a housing focus in 2009.**
- **Changed name to Housing Forward in 2015**
- **FY18 Budget \$7M**
 - **Largest provider of scattered-site supportive housing in suburban Cook County.**
 - **Leading change with Coordinated Entry (regional) and the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition (locally)**

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*Providing a continuum of services
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Prevail **EMERGENCY AID**

- > Financial Assistance and Referrals
- > Client Counseling and Basic Budgeting
- > Shelter Diversion
- > **AfterCare** to prevent a return to homelessness

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Prevail **EMPLOYMENT** Readiness

- > One-on-one **Employment Readiness** counseling
- > **Career Passport** group program



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OUTREACH & Engagement

- > **PADS Shelter In-Reach:** Specialists connect clients to services and housing
- > **Street Outreach:** Specialists connect with homeless persons living on the street



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PADS Shelter

- > Provides basic needs of food and shelter
- > **Emergency Shelter** September to May
- > **Transitional Shelter** June to September



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SUPPORTIVE Services

- > Year-round **Support Center** for basic needs
- > **Life skills** and wellness classes
- > **Case Management**



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Supportive **HOUSING**

- > Permanent Supportive Housing
- > Rapid Re-Housing/Transitional Housing
- > Interim Housing



IMPACT

In 2016, 1,849 individuals sought services from Housing Forward. Here's how they were assisted:

WHO DO WE SERVE?



806 were homeless **279** are stably housed **764** were at risk of homelessness

LOCAL HOMELESS DEMOGRAPHICS:




406
ACCESSED
SUPPORT
CENTER

394
OUTREACHED
ON THE
STREETS



472
SHELTERED

178
OBTAINED
EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES



854
RECEIVED
EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE

279
STABLY HOUSED


ASSOCIATE BOARD

- Supports and promotes the mission of Housing Forward
- Brings together innovative, young professionals to further the fundraising efforts of Housing Forward
- Provides an opportunity for Associate Board members to develop new skills and broaden their professional and social circles while serving the cause of ending homelessness
- Provides fresh ideas for future activities and attract the next generation of donors and volunteers to Housing Forward
- In 2017 we raised more than \$15,000 and provided 2 summer shelter meals to Housing Forward clients

ASSOCIATE BOARD

- > Who We Are
 - > A group of 12, 20-30 somethings
 - > Represent lots of industries such as banking, healthcare and real estate
 - > Fun, open and inviting

- > Next Meeting's Agenda
 - > Review 2017 accomplishments and set 2018 goals
 - > October 2018 fundraising event

CONNECT WITH US!

COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING

-TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH @7PM

- 6634 W. ROOSEVELT RD., 2ND FLOOR, OAK PARK

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