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FOR THE HOMELESS

MAKING CONNECTIONS



A NOTE FROM BETTY: YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE

Community members just like you support Connections every single day by preparing bagged lunches, donating canned goods to restock our pantry, providing financial support, and a myriad of other ways. Today, I am asking you to do one more thing: vote.

This year we are taking every step we can to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and that everyone is counted. This summer, we had a staff member who was dedicated to getting over 150 participants to complete the U.S. Census. More recently, we hosted voter registration tables at all our locations in preparation for the Presidential Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, where we registered 50 participants! Read more about the collaboration in the recent [Daily Northwestern article](#). Early voting is now available. Learn where you can vote by visiting www.vote.org.

This moment in time has affirmed that we must not stop at treating only the symptom of homelessness; we must go further and address the systems and policies that create barriers to housing in the first place. As we embark in the next phases of that work, we know that you stand with us in our mission to end homelessness, one person at a time.

With gratitude,



Volunteers Opportunities

There are many opportunities to volunteer both on-site and from home. [Learn more today!](#)



In Case You Missed It...

The Guardian featured the historical work done by 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons to advocate for reparations in Evanston.

Learn more about her groundbreaking efforts [here](#).



GIFT OF GIVING

As we approach the holiday season, we are excited to announce that Gift of Giving [sign up](#) is now available! Each year we ask participants for their holiday wish lists and pair them with supporters to fulfill that list. Supporters wrap the presents and deliver to our 2121 Dewey Ave. location by Dec. 12. Help spread holiday cheer and sign up today!

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

We gathered staff and supporters for a virtual town hall. Staff provided agency updates and plans for the future. Viewers also got their Connections' questions answered and learned about opportunities to get involved this fall and winter. Check out the [30 minute video](#) recording of the town hall to get up to date!

COVID-19 RESPONSE

1,795

Total Individuals Served

1,441 ADULTS

354 CHILDREN



March 2020 - September 2020

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CONNECT TO HOUSING

Connections has helped move 100 people from hotels to housing since March. We are committed to locating housing for every individual in our care. Help us reach our goal and text **Connect2home** to **41444** to make a gift today!

[DONATE NOW](#)



Currently accepting donations of:

ADULT WINTER CLOTHING
ADULT BOOTS
ADULT SWEATSHIRTS
MICROWAVABLE FOOD
INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
CAN OPENERS
BACKPACKS
ROLLING SUITCASES
NEW TOILETRIES

Drop-off at:
2121 Dewey Ave.
M-F 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



SPOTLIGHT ON MARGIE

Margie is an all star volunteer with many years of service at Connections. She currently spends most of her time in our clothing closet where she's been a volunteer for 5 years. Prior to that, she helped make meals for Hilda's Place residents through her church. Her church also hosts community nights for our housed participants that Margie helps plan and facilitate. She shares, "Sharing a meal, doing an art project, or just hanging out and laughing with participants has been a real gift for me. I've learned a lot, I've grown as a person, and I've really enjoyed myself volunteering at Connections."

We are so lucky to have a volunteer like Margie! Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission and participants. You're the best!

To volunteer like Margie, email info@connect2home.org or click the link below to learn more about current volunteer opportunities.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Feels Like Home

We have helped move nearly 100 people into stable housing since the beginning of the pandemic. Help provide participants with the comforts of home by shopping our "[Feels Like Home](#)" [Amazon Wish List](#) today!



We're Hiring!

Connections is hiring for multiple positions. Visit connect2home.org/careers to learn more.

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