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FOR THE HOMELESS

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

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### A NOTE FROM BETTY: WE CAN COUNT ON YOU

As soon as we started our COVID response efforts, we knew we would need more staff. It just isn't possible to **run 3 brand new operations 24 hours a day 7 days a week sheltering 200 people including 40 children** without additional help. We were relieved when a small group of loyal supporters launched a **\$500,000** challenge to help our expansion. As we inch closer to that goal, we have hired more Emergency Support Staff and Housing Specialists. The increased staffing allows us to catch our breath and move from crisis response to more strategic, stable, and sustainable operations.

Even amid so much uncertainty, we are certain that we can count on you. We know that we are in this together. Please help us reach our goal and **make a gift** today.

In thanks,

Betty A. Bogg  
Executive Director

*P.S. Learn more about our [response to COVID-19](#).*



### *We Need More Volunteers!*

We have opportunities at different locations and times of day. We especially need breakfast volunteers. If you are interested, please complete our [Volunteer form](#).

*For more information on volunteering during the shelter-in-place order, please contact us at [info@connect2home.org](mailto:info@connect2home.org) or 847.475.7070.*

**DONATE NOW**





Now more than ever,  
we are called upon  
to make a difference.

#givingtuesdaynow | May 5, 2020

## GIVING TUESDAY NOW

We are SO close to reaching the **\$500,000** challenge goal launched by a small group of supporters. We need your help to cross the finish line. You can support Connections and Giving Tuesday Now when you make your gift on Tuesday, May 5. Giving Tuesday NOW is a new day of global giving as an emergency response to COVID-19. Help us reach our **\$500,000** goal and support our expanded operations with a **gift** of any size.

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## WE NEED YOU!

We scaled up by adding more staff to maintain increased operations, but we still need **YOU!** We need volunteers to support drop-in services, prepare breakfast and dinner for emergency shelter residents, assist in the clothing room, and more. Complete our [Volunteer Form](#) to get started today!

## Currently accepting donations of:

- CAN OPENERS
- ADULT UNDERWEAR
- ADULT TEES XL, 2X, 3X
- SOUP IN A CUP
- EASY MAC
- FROZEN MEATS
- HOT DOGS
- MICROWAVE PASTA
- FULL SIZE TOILETRIES
- LOOFAS
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- UMBRELLAS
- DIAPERS (NB, 4, 5, 6)
- 4T/5T PULL-UPS

**Drop-off at 2121 Dewey  
M-F between 9:30-4.**



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**ICYMI!**

*Connections has been making headlines! Catch up on all the recent news.*

- 3/18 [Chicago Tribune](#)
- 3/25 [Evanston Patch](#)
- 3/25 [RoundTable](#)
- 3/30 [Daily Northwestern](#)
- 4/14 [Chicago Tribune](#)
- 4/15 [Evanston Patch](#)

NEED HELP?



## SPOTLIGHT ON MADDIE

Maddie, a North Shore native, came to Connections a year ago with in-kind donations and a desire to volunteer. She began volunteering once a week at Dewey drop-in, but 5 months later she had the opportunity to perform in Europe with Holiday on Ice, a world renowned figure skating show. When the pandemic began and the production was forced to end, Maddie returned to the area and was ready to volunteer. After one month of volunteering twice a week, Maddie joined the staff as a much-needed Milieu Assistant to help manage expanded operations. Maddie is upbeat, proactive, patient, and most importantly, she has great rapport with participants! We are so glad she is part of the team.

Ending homelessness, one person at a time.

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