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A NOTE FROM BETTY: OUR COMMITMENT

Today on Juneteenth, we affirm our commitment to becoming an authentically anti-racist organization. We are more committed than ever to working for racial equity within our agency and in partnership with the people we serve. Our [core values](#) of Equity & Inclusion are at the center of our work, which countermands the daily violence that people with low or no income, who are disproportionately Black and Brown, experience when they are seeking housing or facing homelessness. But we must do more, thus we are taking the following concrete steps to continue that journey:

- We commit to increasing the number of Black and Brown voices at all levels of leadership. We have made progress and have outstanding Black and Brown management staff and Board members but have no Black people on the senior leadership team. We need to better elevate people of color, both on our team and in our community.
- We will continue to provide equity-framed services that help people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity through eviction prevention, housing, and shelter programs.
- We will persist in advocating for more affordable housing at local and statewide levels through [Joining Forces for Affordable Housing](#).
- We will hire more Latinx staff and Spanish-speaking employees to better serve our



We Need Volunteers!

We have opportunities at different locations and times of day - but we especially need breakfast and bagged lunch volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please complete our [Volunteer form](#).

For more information on volunteering during the shelter-in-place order, please contact us at info@connect2home.org or 847.475.7070.

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- participants and foster a more diverse workplace.
- We have partnered with [YWCA](#) as a nonprofit sponsor of the 2020 Equity Summit and will participate in their Equity Institute to create a more equitable workplace for our employees and environment for those we serve.
- We will continue to incorporate restorative practices and facilitate peace circles to create space for every voice across the agency to be heard.

We are fully committed to the ongoing journey of becoming an anti-racist institution. We will actively work to dismantle the structural racism and the resultant forms of violence and inequities that Black and Brown people in our communities face every day. Thank you for your continued partnership, for sharing our vision, and for your support as we end homelessness, one person at a time.

In gratitude,



Betty A. Bogg
Executive Director



YOUR SUPPORT

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we reflect on all we have accomplished this year with [your support](#). We expanded our team, launched new operations, quickly [responded to COVID-19](#), and we continue to work to end homelessness one person at a time. We said yes even in the wake of unprecedented challenges and we kept our doors open when others closed.

We are proud of what we've accomplished, but we know there is much more work to be done and we know that it can't be done without you. [Support our work with a year-end gift today.](#)

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Celebrate Juneteenth by joining the virtual celebration for the Evanston community tonight at 6 p.m. The event will feature special performances and speakers. Learn more by visiting evanstonsjuneteenthparade.com/.



SETTING UP SHOP

Several community groups stepped up gather supplies for participants and families temporarily sheltering in hotels. [North Shore Moms](#), [Kindness Connection](#), [Harper Elementary](#), [Beth Emet Synagogue](#), and [Kids Create Change](#) collected supplies for activity kits to deliver to Connections. Connections offered the books, puzzles, games, toys, and art supplies to hotel residents through a pop up shop. Thank you to our amazing community partners for helping keep participants busy during the shelter-in-place order. We appreciate your partnership!



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOME

We have hired 5 new Housing Specialists and a new Housing Program Manager to focus on moving 200 participants from hotels to permanent housing. We helped move 15 households in May and June alone and more participants are moving each week. We need your help to furnish their apartments. The ["Feels Like Home" Amazon Wish List](#) includes home essentials to outfit an individual's home. Purchase 1 of everything or even just 1 item to help support participants in their next chapter.



We're Hiring!

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

NEED HELP?



We're in this together...

We are in a time of much uncertainty, but one thing is certain. With your support, we can continue to fulfill our mission of ending homelessness, one person at a time. [Support our efforts with a gift today.](#)

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