



connections
FOR THE HOMELESS

MAKING CONNECTIONS



A NOTE FROM BETTY: Celebrating Milestones

Meet Carlos, Kira and Qwandra - three participants whom we are honoring at our next virtual Milestone Celebration on **Tuesday, May 25 at 6pm**. Milestones are special celebrations that recognize the accomplishments of members of each pillar of our Connections community: participants, supporters, and staff.

When we last gathered for a Milestone Celebration in December (re-watch [here!](#)), we were in the throes of a second wave of the pandemic. Today, much has changed and we have so much to celebrate; this short event is just that - a celebration of how much we have overcome, the lives we have impacted together, and the resilience of our Connections community. We hope that you'll tune in for this special event!

RSVP [here](#) and we'll see you on Zoom on **Tuesday, May 25 at 6pm!**

With gratitude,

Betty



Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to prepare bagged lunches. Get involved and [sign up for a shift](#) today!



Currently accepting donations of:

ADULT UNDERWEAR
ADULT T-SHIRTS
PANTS & SHORTS SIZE
30 AND ABOVE
SNEAKERS SIZE 9 & UP
TOILETRIES
INDIVIDUAL MILK
SNACK FOOD

Drop-off at:
2121 Dewey Ave.
M-F 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
or
1458 Chicago Ave.
M-F 3 - 5 p.m.

When dropping items at our Chicago Ave. location, please do not leave items in the blue bin. Please ring the bell to hand them to staff.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS

High schoolers are welcome back to **volunteer** at Connections with an adult starting in June! Teens are invited to volunteer both on-site and remotely. Help prepare bagged lunches, move and organize donations, and more! When volunteering on-site, teen volunteers are required to be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Volunteer Manager Hail Khalaf at hkhalaf@connect2home.org or click below to sign up today!

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Together,
we will end homelessness, one person at a time.



INVEST IN NEIGHBORS

Since March 2020, we have served more than 3,500 neighbors like Kira and Kenny. Kira, a registered Nurse, Loyola graduate and mother of two was evicted. Without her knowing, her former spouse stopped making mortgage payments on their north suburban home. She called Connections. We answered and moved Kira and her family into our hotel operations with



Shop to Donate

Shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) to purchase high-need items for participants.

FIND OUT MORE

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- NEEDED DOCUMENTATION
- FAQs - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Rental Payment Program

The Illinois Rental Payment Program is now open and accepting applications. The application is a joint effort that begins with the landlord and is completed by the tenant. All applications must be submitted online at ILRPP.IHDA.org.



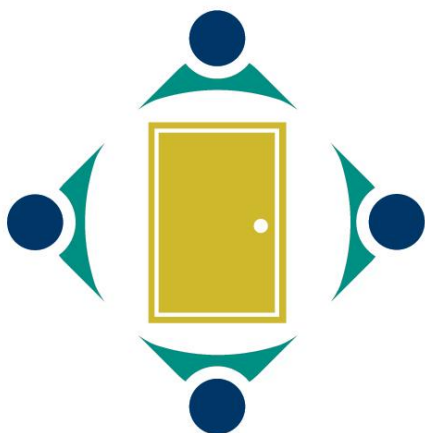
We're Hiring!

Connections is currently hiring for multiple positions! Visit our website at connect2home.org/c

250 other households.

Prior to the pandemic, we didn't have the capacity to shelter women and families. The community's investment in our COVID-operations changed that. Our approach, operations, and capacity changed for the better. We are committed to this life-changing work and locating housing for every individual in our care. Can we count on you to join us? Invest in neighbors like Kira and Kenny with a gift today.

[INVEST NOW](#)



joining forces

FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING 101

You're invited to participate in [Affordable Housing 101 workshops](#) with Joining Forces for Affordable Housing! This 2-part workshop covers why affordable housing is so important and how to support more affordable housing in your community. Learn more and [register now!](#)

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[NEED HELP?](#)

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