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A NOTE FROM BETTY: SEASON OF GIVING

With so many gatherings canceled this year, this holiday season will be like none other. Connections couldn't host our annual Thanksgiving Celebration this year, but community partners stepped up to donate over 100 turkeys and all the traditional sides to be distributed to housed participants. Volunteers will be preparing Thanksgiving dinner for shelter and hotel residents and all 350+ participants were matched with supporters to fulfill their holiday wish lists – a record high!

There are still many ways to get involved during the holidays!

- [Give to Connections](#) on Giving Tuesday coming up on December 1 by texting Connect2Home to 41444!
- Check out our [Feels Like Home Amazon Wish List](#) to help furnish participants new homes.
- Simplify your holiday shopping and make a gift in honor of a loved one and fill out [this special certificate](#) to include in their Christmas card.
- Sign up to [volunteer](#) from home or on-site.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to give back to make our work possible and the holiday season a happy one.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In thanks,

Betty



Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help at our Dewey and Chicago Ave drop-in sites. Get involved and sign up [here](#) today!



Feels Like Home

Connections has helped move over 100 individuals into housing since March. Help furnish their new homes by purchasing items off our [Feels Like Home Amazon Wish List](#).



P.S. Join us on **Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.** for our first Virtual Milestone Celebration! We will honor the accomplishments of participants, volunteers, and staff during this short event that will lift your spirit and warm your heart. [Register today!](#)



VIRTUAL MILESTONE CELEBRATION

You're invited to our first virtual Milestone Celebration taking place on **Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.** Under normal circumstances, we host Milestones throughout the year to honor the accomplishments of participants, staff, and volunteers. We're excited to offer a virtual format featuring 3 participants speaking from their new homes, 2 very special volunteers, and recognition of the entire Connections staff. You won't want to miss this short, but uplifting event!

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)



#THRIVEISALIVE

Our biggest event of the year is taking place virtually on **Saturday, Feb. 20!** Save the date for THRIVE 2021 for an evening of great music, one-of-a-kind cooking and cocktail making demos, mingling with new and familiar faces, and a special inside look into the lives of participants we have helped move from hotel to housing during the pandemic. You

Currently accepting donations of:

ADULT WINTER COATS
ADULT HOODIES
ADULT WINTER BOOTS
WINTER HATS
GLOVES
SCARVES
SNACK FOODS
NEW TOILETRIES

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

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Giving Thanks

Thank you to our friends at Harper Elementary, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, St. Norbert Catholic Church, Community Church of Wilmette, and Greater Chicago Food Depository for stocking our pantry with all the Thanksgiving sides and turkeys needed to distribute to our housed participants!



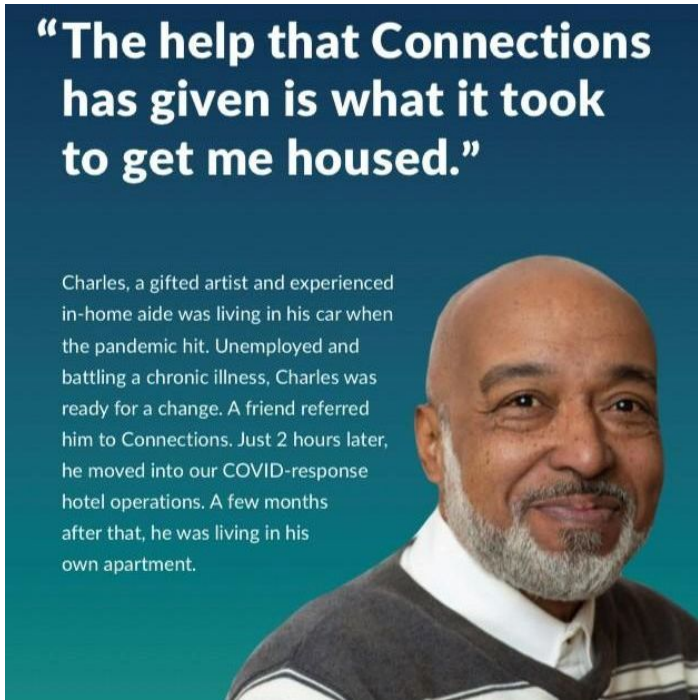
Dine to Donate

Our partners at Pinto Thai Kitchen are

won't want to miss this special event! Stay tuned for more information and in the meantime, mark your calendar!

“The help that Connections has given is what it took to get me housed.”

Charles, a gifted artist and experienced in-home aide was living in his car when the pandemic hit. Unemployed and battling a chronic illness, Charles was ready for a change. A friend referred him to Connections. Just 2 hours later, he moved into our COVID-response hotel operations. A few months after that, he was living in his own apartment.



HOUSING EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN OUR CARE

Over the last 8 months, Connections has helped move **100** more people like Charles into stable housing, but we can't stop now. We're the only safety net for so many neighbors like him.

We know you stand with us and share our vision of ending homelessness, one person at a time. Help us continue saying yes to housing every individual in our care with a gift today.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Ending homelessness, one person at a time.

donating 5% of their sales to Connections between **Nov. 27 – Dec. 20**. Visit pintoevanston.com or call 847-328-8881 to place your order. Thank you, Pinto Thai Kitchen for your continued support!



We're Hiring!

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

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