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EVANSTON COLLABORATES ON HOMELESSNESS COVID-19 RESPONSE

Community leaders respond to need for emergency and transitional shelter solutions.

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Leadership from Connections for the Homeless, Evanston Community Foundation, Interfaith Action Evanston, YWCA Evanston/North Shore, Lake Street Church, and Curt's Café collaborated to establish multi-prong approach for homelessness during the Illinois Stay at Home Executive Order. Following Evanston 5th Ward Alderman, Robin Rue Simmons' invitation to utilize her recently purchased property for emergency shelter for a small population of women, Lake Street Church then opened space for additional emergency shelter, and then the City of Evanston secured hotel blocks for individuals and families to safely shelter during the Stay at Home order.

Connections for the Homeless Executive Director, Betty Bogg shares, "The robust collaboration between Evanston leaders and demand for action from community members is leading to a sustainable solution with hotel stays and a safety net of emergency shelter for our most vulnerable neighbors during this health crisis."

Connections for the Homeless continues to offer drop-in services Monday through Friday, operate their youth and men's transitional shelters, and is staffing expanded emergency shelter and services as needed during the shelter-in-place order. Interfaith Action currently offers their weekday morning hospitality center. YWCA Evanston/North Shore is currently operating modified shelter. Evanston Community Foundation is a longtime supporter of Connections, Interfaith, and the YWCA.

ABOUT CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Connections for the Homeless is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving more than 2,100 individuals facing homelessness and housing insecurity each year through eviction prevention, housing, and shelter programs. For more information, visit connect2home.org.

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