A NOTE FROM BETTY: OUR INVESTMENT

We knew a swift response to the pandemic was needed to provide immediate solutions for our most vulnerable neighbors. What we didn’t know was that our COVID-response would ultimately lead to a $2.5 million - and growing - investment into the local economy. We are proud to have made this massive investment, achieved through purchasing over 91,000 meals from more than 30 local restaurant partners, investing in local hotels (including municipal hotel taxes), paying wages to staff living in Evanston, and rent to both commercial and residential area landlords.

In addition to the services we provide to community members without homes, we are proud and grateful to be an economic force for good in the community as a whole.

This difficult yet invigorating period has highlighted the role each of us serves in our community; the current moment demonstrates how much we can accomplish when we work together in partnership.

When Connections invests in the community, we are not only serving neighbors in crisis, but supporting local businesses, hiring and employing residents, and investing in the economy, which amplifies the work we do in ways that continue to surprise us. You are a critical partner in the “whole of community” approach, and we need your support to continue. We hope that you’ll join us.

We Need Volunteers!

We have opportunities at different locations and times of day - but we especially need volunteers to help during drop-in hours and prepare bagged lunches for Dewey drop-in. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email info@connect2home.org.

DONATE NOW

Currently accepting donations of:

- CAN OPENSERS
- SOUP IN A CUP
- CANNED BEVERAGES
- MICROWAVEABLE MEALS
- INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
- FROZEN MEAT
METEING BASIC NEEDS

Every weekday we welcome between 35-50 participants at our drop-in center. Participants come to Connections for the basics - showers, toiletries, non-perishable foods, bagged lunches, a bathroom, and their mail. Case managers and staff are also on site to meet with participants, connect them to resources and housing. There's never a dull moment!

We've especially seen a giant increase in visits to the food pantry with 300-450 visits each month since the beginning of the pandemic. Want to help out? Sign up to volunteer or donate items for the pantry. Email info@connect2home.org for more information about how to get involved.
FURNISH A HOME

We are working hard to locate and secure housing for participants sheltering in hotels. Since March, we have helped move more than 50 households into independent housing and more participants are moving each week. Often participants move into empty spaces and we need your help to furnish their apartments! The "Feels Like Home" Amazon Wish List includes home essentials to outfit an individual’s home.

SHOP NOW

SPOTLIGHT ON JULISSA

Julissa Flores joined Connections in the middle of May as the Housing Program Manager when we launched the COVID-Response Team. She is responsible for managing the team of Housing Specialists who are working hard to locate permanent housing solutions for hotel residents. Julissa shared that she’s "very grateful for the team effort" she sees from every member of the organization.

Julissa was born and raised in Chicago, she’s 1st generation, 1 of 8 siblings, fluent in Spanish, and she’s worked in social services for over a decade. We’re so glad

We’re Hiring!

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

NEED HELP?
to have Julissa on the team! Support Julissa and the Housing Specialists by purchasing items off the Feels Like Home Amazon Wish List to furnish participants' new homes!

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