A NOTE FROM BETTY:
One Year Later

This time last year, in the face of the pandemic, we began the transformation of every one of our services. In the months that followed, our staff worked tirelessly to reconfigure our programs, plans, and approach nearly every single day. We knew what we were called to do and we did it.

Through each challenge, resilient staff, dedicated volunteers, generous supporters, and community partners worked together. We created solutions by launching new programs, growing our staff, and serving over 3,500 people - more individuals than in any previous year - through our eviction prevention, shelter, and housing services. We invested over $5,000,000 into the local economy through hotel operations, staff wages, rent to area landlords, and restaurant partnerships.

Remarkably, we had fewer than 10 known cases of COVID among participants, staff, and volunteers. It’s always been true, but now more than ever, we know that our work is truly lifesaving.

Today, we look forward with hope and a new understanding of what’s possible when every member of the community comes together as a force for good. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to end homelessness, one person at a time.

Betty A. Bogg
Executive Director
OUR IMPACT

Connections experienced significant growth in 2020 across all programs! We had an increase in every program with 1,207 individuals served through eviction prevention, 328 sheltered at Hilda’s Place, the emergency shelter, and at hotels, and 473 individuals helped to maintain or secure housing. We are proud to work toward meeting the needs of the community together with your support. Learn more about our 2020 impact and growth by visiting connect2home.org/impact.

Shop to Donate
Shop our Feels Like Home Amazon Wish List to help furnish participants’ new homes!

DONATE

Watch Our COVID-Response Video
Watch the newest COVID-response video we debuted at THRIVE last month! Hear from participants, staff, volunteers, local business leaders, and community partners about how we all came together to serve vulnerable neighbors amid the pandemic.

JOIN US next
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

In partnership with Cook County’s Emergency Rental Assistance program, we are able to expand our eviction prevention work to serve more neighbors in need of support.

Suburban Cook County renters impacted by COVID-19 may qualify for rental assistance. If you or someone you know needs help paying rent and bills, you can learn about eligibility and apply by clicking the button below. Connections is providing application assistance at 2121 Dewey Ave. between 9:30am – 2:30pm Monday-Friday. To learn about alternative rental assistance resources and services available, you can contact the Suburban Cook County Call Center at 877-426-6515.

APPLY NOW

Join Us

Join us in serving more participants like Carlos and make a gift today.

DONATE

We're Hiring!

Connections is currently hiring! Visit our website at connect2home.org/careers to learn more.

Need help paying rent and bills due to COVID-19?

If you rent your home in suburban Cook County, you may be eligible for help.

Wednesday!

Connections is excited to co-sponsor a discussion next Wednesday at 7pm between Sherry Turkle, Ph.D. and Rabbi Wendi Geffen on empathy and connection. Register here
MEET ABIGAIL

This month we are spotlighting Abigail Ayala Soberanis, a Housing Case Manager! Abigail joined the Connections team in August 2020.

In her role, she conducts home visits with participants, links families to resources, and assists with benefits. She believes, "Everyone should have the right to their own space, comfort and privacy." She enjoys that every day is different and the work keeps her on her toes! A recent highlight was celebrating the successes of two families she helped move into their own single family units.

We’re so happy Abigail is part of the team!

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