



JOIN THE CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Your support makes a difference!

Dear Friend of CCH,

Your support for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless has impact. Helped by caring people like you, CCH mobilizes the community and homeless people themselves, pushing to better life for people across Illinois who must cope with homelessness.

Since 1980, CCH has organized strong coalitions on key issues that affect homeless families, youth and adults – such as access to emergency shelter, affordable housing, good public schools and jobs. With your help, our recent successes include:

- CCH manages Sweet Home Chicago, a housing campaign led by ten community groups and one labor union. Working for almost a year, we persuaded the city of Chicago to adopt a 5-Year Housing Plan that commits \$35 million to the TIF Purchase Rehab Program. The plan more than doubles yearly funding goals to restore rental housing for Chicago's low-income households.
- Our legal aid project worked with 289 clients last year – 97% of them were homeless students or youth from the city and suburbs.
- Public policy staff mobilized state lawmakers' support for the Illinois Homeless Bill of Rights. It bars discrimination and criminalization based on one's housing status. Illinois is the second state in the nation to enact such a measure.
- CCH partnered on Keep Chicago Renting, in a coalition led by Albany Park Neighborhood Council. The new city ordinance protects tenants who pay their rent yet face sudden eviction after a lender forecloses on the building owner. Renters forced to move are to be paid \$10,600 by the lender to cover moving costs.
- CCH organizes a statewide network of 40 shelter and service providers from nine communities: Aurora, Bloomington, Elgin, Joliet, Maywood, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, and Waukegan.
- Growing social media support for Chicago's homeless community, with 3,200+ followers on Facebook, 1,500+ on Twitter.

CCH does not accept government funding. The breadth of its work would be impossible without the support of respected foundations and several thousand donors like you.

With sincere thanks, we ask you to renew your membership in 2014.

Sincerely,

Ed Shurna
Executive Director

