

NURNEYS



Annual Report 2018/19

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Our Mission

To individually assess and serve the homeless and near-homeless, while broadening community awareness and involvement with the homeless.

Our Vision

To be the nationally recognized agency for leading its local communities in providing effective, comprehensive services to the homeless and near-homeless.

Our Core Values

RESPECT | We operate with respect for clients, donors, one another, and the wider community. We work with respect for the structure, mission, and vision that we share.

TEAMWORK | We provide support to one another, working cooperatively throughout the organization to ensure that we meet goals together. MISSION-DRIVEN | JOURNEYS' mission is to individually assess and serve the homeless and near-homeless, while broadening community awareness and involvement with the homeless. Everything we do is driven toward that mission.

COMMITMENT | We work with urgency and commitment to fulfill our mission and goals and strive for excellence and quality in all we do.

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A Message of Hope

This past year has seen a startling shift in the people presenting for shelter, services and assistance in reaching housing stability.

While the number of those dependent on our restorative services for survival has happily decreased thanks to our staff's expertise, those we are serving appear to be reaching out from states of greater distress and uncertainty.

We have seen a surge in clients escaping domestic violence in search of solutions to help piece their lives back together without the assurance of a roof over their heads.

We have walked alongside nearly 60% of our clientele who suffer from a disabling condition, dotting the road home with greater obstacles to overcome.

More than a quarter of our clients cope with a chronic health condition and 36% have no form of health insurance, making it harder to access quality healthcare as financial resources are limited.

On top of this, the average age of JOURNEYS' clients is climbing and the agency welcomed a dramatic increase in clients age 60+ who now make up nearly 20% of clientele. Why has this happened? Those living on a fixed income are consistently threatened by rising property taxes, the lack of affordable housing in the north and northwest suburbs and the changing, often exclusionary structure of state-run social services at the command of current politics.



Beth Nabors Executive Director



Fernando Egea Board President

The sad truth is that the traumas of homelessness experienced by anyone, especially older adults, take a major toll on the health and wellbeing of the individual at-risk, at times damaging or significantly delaying their road to recovery.

But there is always hope, and we are the proud providers.

As the face, duration and intensity of homelessness has changed, so, too, has our agency pledged to evolve and expand in the effort to continue to effectively meet the basic needs of our struggling neighbors.

There is always hope, even when the road ahead is rough. Poverty, we have seen, knows no bounds, no limits, no county lines—but neither does the benevolence of our generous communities.

Poverty does not appear to be diminishing. It has trapped our neighbors in its trenches; It has dug deeper ditches. It has triggered tears in the eyes of those we serve, taken houses, broken hearts and rendered people nearly powerless.

But there is always hope, and every day, we witness tears transform to triumph as our staff collaborates to empower progress and connect people to the resources they need to sustain change.

Stay tuned in the coming months as we prepare to share exciting news for the future of our agency to provide year-round care for those we serve who may be hurting, may be healing—but may they always know that there is hope—sweet hope—and it lives here.

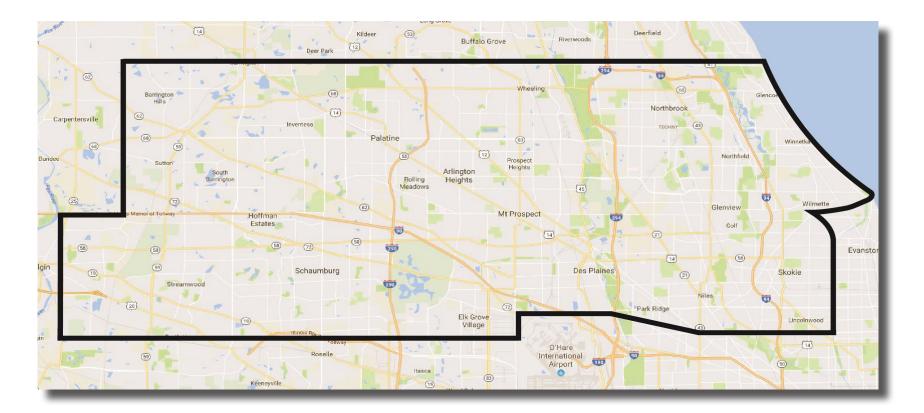
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"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope." -Martin Luther



Service Area

JOURNEYS serves the north and northwest suburbs of Cook County. The service area borders Lake, McHenry, & DuPage counties.



787 Total Clients Served

SERVICE AREA	CLIENTS SERVED
Arlington Heights	92
Barrington	4
Bartlett	4
Bensenville	3
Buffalo Grove	11
Des Plaines	62
Elk Grove Village	39
Glenview	10
Hanover Park	2
Hoffman Estates	33
Inverness	1
Mount Prospect	26
Niles	9

SERVICE AREA	CLIENTS SERVED
Northbrook	9
Palatine	147
Park Ridge	8
Prospect Heights	21
Rolling Meadows	23
Roselle	6
Rosemont	2
Schaumburg	29
Skokie	4
Streamwood	9
Wheeling	42
Wilmette	2
Other	189

*Includes communities outside our service area including Addison, Berwyn, Chicago, Crystal Lake, Elgin, Lake Zurich, Oak Park and Waukegan, among others.

Who do we help?

Anyone in crisis within our service area, including:

228 Survivors of Domestic Violence

459

"I am so happy in my life right now and you've brought me a tremendous amount of this happiness. I'll never be able to thank you enough for everything that you've done for me."

> -Former JOURNEYS client, housed in January

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314 Clients with an Income

Clients with a Disability





Military Veterans

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HOPE Center

It's no accident that JOURNEYS' mainstay program is referred to as the HOPE Center. Here, hundreds of clients arrive seeking just that—a sense that although things have taken a turn for the worst, these circumstances won't persist. Six case managers make it their mission to assist clients in crisis to receive nearly 60 supportive services at no cost, designed to streamline their ascent to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

From résumé preparation to personal finance counseling and psychodynamic therapy to childcare expense assistance applications, our clinical team individually assesses and serves each client who presents to the HOPE Center in their darkest hour of need to determine the optimal mix of supportive services necessary to achieve stability.

Here, compassion is coupled with clinical expertise to improve our clients' lives by providing an assortment of vital resources to help cover the essentials and lessen the burden on limited income. For those with no income—60% of all clientele—our vocational program expertly addresses and breaks employment barriers, shifts pessimistic perceptions and equips clients with the tools they need to develop personally, professionally and financially.

Top 5 Services Requested:

Long-Term Case Management | Showers Transportation Assistance | Clothing | Housing Counseling



Services

153 Clients Secured Jobs



22,104

Total services provided by our

case managers in the

HOPE Center

4,049 Showers Provided

97 Clients Housed

PADS Shelter Program

This past PADS season was truly one for the books! As the agency grappled with the consistent onslaught of people in need of limited emergency shelter space, our 21 partner PADS sites did not shy away from filling the gaps.

For the second year in a row, the phenomenon of increasing suburbanites in crisis forced JOURNEYS to operate a lottery system for shelter entry three nights per week.

The shelter system was especially strained due to the unusual number of families dependent on this refuge from the streets and elements, as they were prioritized for entry, along with clients with unique needs and challenges.

However, thanks to the incredible compassion and concern of numerous faith communities throughout our service region, the agency looks forward to reducing lottery days to once weekly during the coming winter season! We are grateful to each of our PADS sites for stepping up to help gradually eliminate the lottery.





2,983 Shelter visits in January, making it the *busiest month*







PADS Site	LOCATION	GUEST VISITS	MEALS SERVED
All Saints Lutheran Church	Palatine	402	1,206
Christ Lutheran Church	Palatine	1,205	3,615
Christus Victor Lutheran Church	Elk Grove Village	1,017	3,051
Church of the Incarnation	Arlington Heights	778	2,334
Congregational United Church of Christ	Arlington Heights	1,003	3,009
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights	Arlington Heights	867	2,601
First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights	Arlington Heights	931	2,793
Holy Family Catholic Community	Inverness	1,446	4,338
Kingswood United Methodist Church	Buffalo Grove	2,134	6,402
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	Mount Prospect	775	2,325
Our Lady of the Wayside Church	Arlington Heights	726	2,178
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church	Arlington Heights	1,465	4,395
Presbyterian Church of Palatine	Palatine	957	2,871
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Schaumburg	1,112	3,336
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church	Prospect Heights	791	2,373
St. Colette Catholic Church	Rolling Meadows	940	2,820
St. James Catholic Church	Arlington Heights	892	2,676
St. Mark Lutheran Church	Mount Prospect	1,844	5,532
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Des Plaines	883	2,649
Trinity United Methodist Church	Mount Prospect	833	2,499
Willow Creek Community Church	South Barrington	2,741	8,223
Total 2018/2019		23,742	71,226

May-Sept

Oct-April

Year-Round



ICNA Relief Chicago volunteers serve clients in partnership with Congregation Etz Chaim.

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Community Involvement

JOURNEYS would not be The Road Home without the myriad of community-minded groups that make our mission grow.

This year, the support we received spanned from donated school supplies for the dozens of children we serve, to coat drives, clothing closet service projects, backpacks full of everyday essentials, custom-built bikes, boxes upon boxes of pizza, hot chocolate sale proceeds and everything in between!

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." -Coretta Scott King













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Signature Events





Bid for HOPE

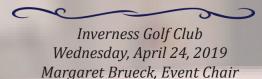
The Meadows Club Friday, November 9, 2018







Garden of Giving Women's Luncheon







Sharon Griffin & Mary Baur 2019 Women of the Year





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Superhero 5k Run/Walk for the Homeless

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Palatine Towne Square Saturday, June 15, 2019 Shari Rabin & Dhaval Parekh, Event Chairs



310

Runners!



Special thanks to Alex Alm, event photographer!

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Sponsors!

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2018-19	2017-18
Cash	\$402,945	\$484,291
Receivables and Prepaid Expenses	1,250	1,250
Due from Affiliate	73,132	7,506
Property & Equipment, Net of Depreciation	317,601	369,244
Total Assets	\$794,928	\$862,291

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities	\$15,370	\$(581)
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$760,673	\$845,524
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	18,885	17,348
Total Net Assets	\$779,558	\$862,872
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$794,928	\$862,291

Statement of Activities

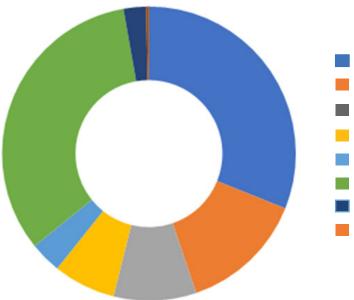
REVENUES	2018-19	2017-18
Individuals	250,874.36	241,717.09
Foundations	110,700.00	120,550.00
Faith Communities	73,542.89	109,859.51
Corporate	55,300.84	54,117.77
United Way	27,915.73	25,653.03
Local Government	266,521.85	173,540.27
Service Clubs	19,985.51	31,896.64
School Fundraisers	2,502.52	2,560.00
Agency Revenues	807,343.70	\$759,894.31
EXPENSES Client Programs & Services PADS Program Fundraising Administration Agency Expenses	\$538,609.89 182,257.70 214,795.48 <u>69,492.02</u> \$1, <u>005,155.09</u>	\$513,570.11 124,379.76 261,541.89 70,924.45 \$970,416.30
EVENTS	\$178 746 11	\$223 003 05

EVENTS Event Income Event Expenses	\$178,746.11 41,421.71	\$223,093.95 44,130.97
Total Net Income	(60,486.99)	(31,559.01)

Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

REVENUES

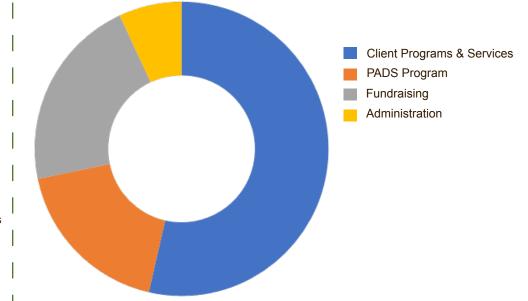
JOURNEYS receives its support from a wide variety of sources.





EXPENSES

Two-thirds of agency expenses support Client Programs & Services and the PADS Program.



2018/19 Donors

On behalf of JOURNEYS' clients, staff, Board of Directors and volunteers, we acknowledge the generosity of the following individuals, families, organizations, faith communities, government agencies, foundations and businesses that have made a positive impact on the lives of others through their support. This list does not include the thousands of volunteers and community members who have made in-kind donations of time and goods totaling nearly \$1,000,000. Only the top 10 in-kind donors are recognized here. The agency regrets the omissions of the names of any indvidual or organziation.

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Employ our Clients

Our Vocational Case Manager has a list of people eager to get to work!

Engage Your Community Arrange for your church, club or business to host a drive or fund raiser.

Become an Activist

Become informed, speak out against misrepresentations in the media and talk to your family, friends and co-workers about helping the homeless. You can do all of this by joining the Young Professionals Board, Speaker's Bureau or by becoming a Corporate Ambassador!

When you support JOURNEYS, you become part of a network of people who are committed to ending homelessness. Our donors know the joy of giving to such an important cause. We invite you to support JOURNEYS in whatever way suits you best.

For more information, call Suzanne Ploger, Director of Development at 847-963-9163 x 120. **Direct Donations**

Make a monetary or in-kind donation. You can also make your gift in honor or memory of someone special.

Fundraising Events Support our fundraising events or host one of your own!

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Designate JOURNEYS as your charity of choice through your employer. Volunteering

Donate your time, talents and skills.

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