

Providing shelter and services to those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in suburban Cook County.

Change is a good thing

A message from Beth Nabors, Executive Director

JOURNEYS is constantly facing forces that cause us to adapt and change. Regardless of the reason why change happens, at JOURNEYS we believe it is good. Change makes us more flexible, smarter and efficient, and reminds us that anything is possible. You may have noticed some changes at JOURNEYS this year and you will definitely be seeing more changes as we move forward.

One notable change is that you have not received a mailed newsletter from us in a while. Going forward, we will be only mailing two newsletters annually. We are excited to announce that we now have the capability to send monthly informational news blasts via e-mail distribution. If you do not want to miss any JOURNEYS news make sure you are on that e-mail distribution list by going to our website at www.journeystheroadhome.org and clicking on the link to join our e-mail distribution list!

Another big change at JOURNEYS has been the loss of HUD Funding equalling \$187,000, which funds supportive services. This change, while difficult to adapt to, has brought to light how much JOURNEYS values and relies on its connections to donors, volunteers, faith based communities and local organizations. Through this time of adjustment we have had an outpouring of support to save the HOPE Center and our supportive services. Good can come from the unexpected.

JOURNEYS has had some hard knocks this past year, but we have not been knocked out – rather it has motivated us to do more with less. This is an exciting time for JOURNEYS! We have new board members joining those who have stood by us for years in leadership. We have new staff members joining existing staff who have been with us for over 10+ years and together we make a highly skilled and comprehensive team! We have a new transportation program rolling out in late summer to combat the lack of public transportation in our area despite a huge and unexpected funding cut. JOURNEYS leads by example. We don't give up when things get tough, we roll up our sleeves and get busy.

JOURNEYS, just like our clients, not only survives in hard times – we thrive.



Beth Nabors
Executive Director

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HOPE Center Funding Updates

In May, HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) released its funding decisions for 2016/2017. Without any notice, HUD decided to stop funding homeless supportive service grants, including JOURNEYS, because they are now investing solely in the concept of "housing first". By doing so JOURNEYS lost 21% of its total budget, which equals \$187,000. JOURNEYS agrees that affordable housing is vital, but also believes that without supportive services, people are set up for failure. Once housed, the need for counseling, case management and supportive services remain. To assure long term stability, supportive services are just as crucial as housing.

We are grateful to all of our generous donors who have stepped up to stand with JOURNEYS and are proud to say we are now 25% of the way toward our goal. We are still in need of your ongoing support in order to reach our goal by October.

Visit our website for updates on funding and donation information.

GOAL: \$187,000

H — 100%

O — 75%

P — 50%

E — 25%

Center

JOURNEYS | The Road Home
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

We invite you to join us here at JOURNEYS | The Road Home on September 20th at 6:00pm for our Annual Board Meeting. We will be presenting our year-end financial information, client service information and highlight some successes that our clients have achieved.

Please RSVP at annualmeeting@journeystheroadhome.org to let us know if you will be attending.

Bid for HOPE

Event Chairs Kurt & Barb Knuth invite you to attend the annual Bid for HOPE Gala

Friday | November 11

The Meadows Club

Watch our website for ticket and auction information



Contact Taylor Jacob at t.jacob@journeystheroadhome.org or 847-963-9163 x116 for sponsorship opportunities

www.journeystheroadhome.org



it takes a community

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who organized these drives on our behalf. Their truly selfless giving, passion and dedication allow us to support our neighbors at risk of losing their homes and those who are homeless.



A group from **First Presbyterian Church** spent their Community Service Day cleaning up the HOPE Center!



Thank you **Assurance** for spending the day helping our team prepare for the Superhero 5K!



Redemption Bible Church spruced up the inside and outside of JOURNEYS with plants and flowers and a fresh coat of paint on all of the doors.



Paylocity in Arlington Heights rented a truck to bring over 3,000 items of food that they collected!

Over 50 volunteers helped to make the Superhero 5K on June 18th the most successful 5K to date!



Thanks for your generosity!

Our thanks to the following donors for their generosity during the last 6 months

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stay connected to JOURNEYS

Here are all of the ways that you can stay up to date with the latest JOURNEYS news

We are very excited to announce that we have launched a new and improved website! Visit www.journeystheroadhome.org to see all of the exciting changes!

Sign up at on our website to receive our monthly e-newsletter
JOURNEYS Journal

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Like us on **Facebook** for updates and all of the local drives and collections in the area!

Visit the **News** tab on our website to stay up to date with the latest articles about JOURNEYS!

Did you know?

This season of PADS, we hosted an average of 505 guests per week.

pads program

Did you know?

This season of PADS, we saw a 113% increase in children at the sites.

Seven months of dedicated service have once again come to an end. And we are so very grateful to all of you who make this happen each and every year.

This past 2015-2016 season, the 18 PADS sites in the JOURNEYS network offered a total of 15,045 nights of shelter. Over the course of these nights, 45,135 meals were served. On average, 70 guests were hosted on a given night and the average length of stay for a guest was 39 days. During this season, the busiest month was March, where we saw 2,507 nights of shelter. In February we had our busiest night; 167 different guests were hosted.

Summer months involve a lot of planning as we move toward the start of the 2016-2017 season that begins in October. Although it is several months away, we have already kicked off the new season with the first Site Director's meeting and the first Advisory Committee Meeting.

We are continuing to move forward in our efforts to establish a Summer PADS season for Summer 2017. If you have any leads for facilities that may want to function as a PADS site once a week from May - October, please reach out to Amy Pratt, Shelter Manager, at a.pratt@journeystheroadhome.org

As one guest recently wrote us this season, "The warm hospitality I received from all the PADS churches was overwhelming at times. The meals I received at the PADS Churches and The Hope Center were warm and delicious. The lunches packed individually in the dead of the night by the wonderful volunteers have been nothing short of awesome. Thank you for fulfilling the scriptural commission to 'love your neighbor as yourself' not just in word but in deed also."

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Volunteer Spotlight

Al Rumlow HOPE Center Volunteer

Al began volunteering at JOURNEYS 4 months ago as the Food Pantry Coordinator. He works diligently two mornings a week organizing and sorting the food that is donated to the HOPE Center. His two favorite parts of volunteering are the conversations he has with people and the feeling of accomplishment.

What have you learned about the population we serve since you began volunteering at JOURNEYS? *"The population comes from different backgrounds, varying in gender and age. Families also comprise the population."*

What are your special interests? *"Reading history, financial information & national and international news, traveling and walking."*



Al is a national and international traveler who retired from service with the USDA and has two sons and five grandchildren!



Call for Volunteers!

The HOPE Center is open Monday-Friday & PADS Season begins in October

Orientation Schedule Fall 2016

All Orientations are held at JOURNEYS | The Road Home

DATE	TIME
Thursday Sept. 15	6:30pm
Saturday Sept. 24	10:00am
Tuesday Sept. 27	6:30pm
Tuesday October 4	6:30pm
Wednesday October 12	6:30pm
Saturday October 22	10:00am
Thursday October 27	6:30pm
Tuesday November 1	6:30pm
Monday November 14	6:30pm
Saturday November 19	10:00am
Tuesday November 22	6:30pm

Congregational United Church of Christ is looking for volunteers to take over the role of Site Director at their Thursday night PADS site. The Site Director(s) will take the lead on ensuring policies are followed, scheduling volunteers, attending meetings 4 times a season, managing their PADS leadership team (collaboratively coordinating volunteers) and working closely with the Shelter Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. You do not need to be a member of CUCC to volunteer in this capacity and you will be trained.

For information contact Allyson at a.schnoor@journeystheroadhome.org or 847-963-9163 x114

Tell us about your volunteer experience with JOURNEYS!
Email your story to volunteer@journeystheroadhome.org

get involved

JOURNEYS | The Road Home relies on very dedicated volunteers throughout the year. You will find these individuals at the PADS overnight shelter sites, the HOPE Center and at various events throughout the year. We would like to say a special thank you to those who have given their time, energy, and hearts to our organization. You are very important to making JOURNEYS what it is.

This year we have updated our [Volunteer Youth Policy](#). Volunteers from 7th - 9th grade are now able to volunteer when clients are present with a parent, guardian or group chaperone. Volunteers from 10th - 12th grade may volunteer when clients are present without parental supervision, but must work side by side with an adult volunteer. All volunteers younger than 7th grade may volunteer when clients are not present.

Let's get our younger volunteers more involved with giving back to the community, and assisting JOURNEYS in their mission to end homelessness!



If you would like to learn more about volunteering please stop by the HOPE Center for a volunteer orientation!



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Upcoming Events!



Bid for HOPE
Friday, November 11, 2016
The Meadows Club
DETAILS INSIDE!



Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

