

JOURNEYS | A Work In Progress



We're growing. We're changing. We're moving forward on our journey. The new building is just the beginning, and we need all hands on deck.

Now is the time for JOURNEYS' community to shine. Not only do we have new facilities, but our PADS Shelter Program is back up and running - and growing.

Fighting homelessness in our shared community takes more than a village. It takes many villages - many communities coming together as neighbors in partnership. In the end, it's because of people like you that **JOURNEYS | Lives Here.**



Volunteer Opportunities

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."

To volunteer an online orientation training must first be completed. If you are interested in becoming a HOPE Center Volunteer, or want to learn more go to the JOURNEYS website (www.journeystheroadhome.org) or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Anna Malhotra at a.malhotra@journeystheroadhome.org



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Become a member of our monthly giving program!
With your monthly donation, sustainable and effective programs are supported for those in need and you'll receive the satisfaction and good feeling of supporting JOURNEYS all year long.

Your gift provides access to resources that will aid our clients as they work to rebuild their lives and end their homelessness. Even a small monthly gift can have a tremendous impact.

Learn more about becoming a Partner of HOPE at www.journeystheroadhome.org



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JOURNEYS | The Road Home

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



JOURNEYS | Lives Here

February 2023

In December of 2022, our staff moved into our new building. We moved furniture, boxes, mountains of canned goods, bags of clothing, and more than a few file folders. Only one week later, we resumed services. In the blink of an eye, we became a bigger agency in a bigger home. With new offices and new capabilities, JOURNEYS' next chapter unfolded before us.

JOURNEYS' new home, all 18,200 square feet of it, has given us the opportunity to think about the meaning of home, especially when it comes to where JOURNEYS lives beyond our new building's walls. In truth, JOURNEYS cannot be confined to walls framed in steel and covered in sheetrock. While the new building will soon enable JOURNEYS to help more people than ever, provide a real roof over peoples' heads and give them a second chance at independence, JOURNEYS, at its core, has always been an idea.

Ideas don't live in buildings. They live in peoples' hearts.

As the world reopens, JOURNEYS is striving to nurture our mission as an idea in action, connecting with our community like never before, strengthening the bonds between our partners throughout our service area, and letting it be known that JOURNEYS lives wherever its mission is felt and comes alive.

JOURNEYS' mission starts with you. It starts with the idea that **one person can transform compassion into action**, such as when you reach out your hand to help your neighbor, when you donate funds at your place of worship, when you purchase coffee for the car behind you in the drive-thru, when you volunteer your time even after a long week, or when you smile at a stranger.

Your continued support ensures that JOURNEYS will never stop growing and that the idea behind its mission will reach more hearts and open more doors to more homes for people in need. We hope that when you think about where JOURNEYS lives in your community, you will stop, look around you, and, watching as your friends and neighbors work together, say with purpose, "JOURNEYS | Lives Here."



In partnership,

Executive Director

**SAVE THE DATE!
GRAND OPENING
MAY 2023!**

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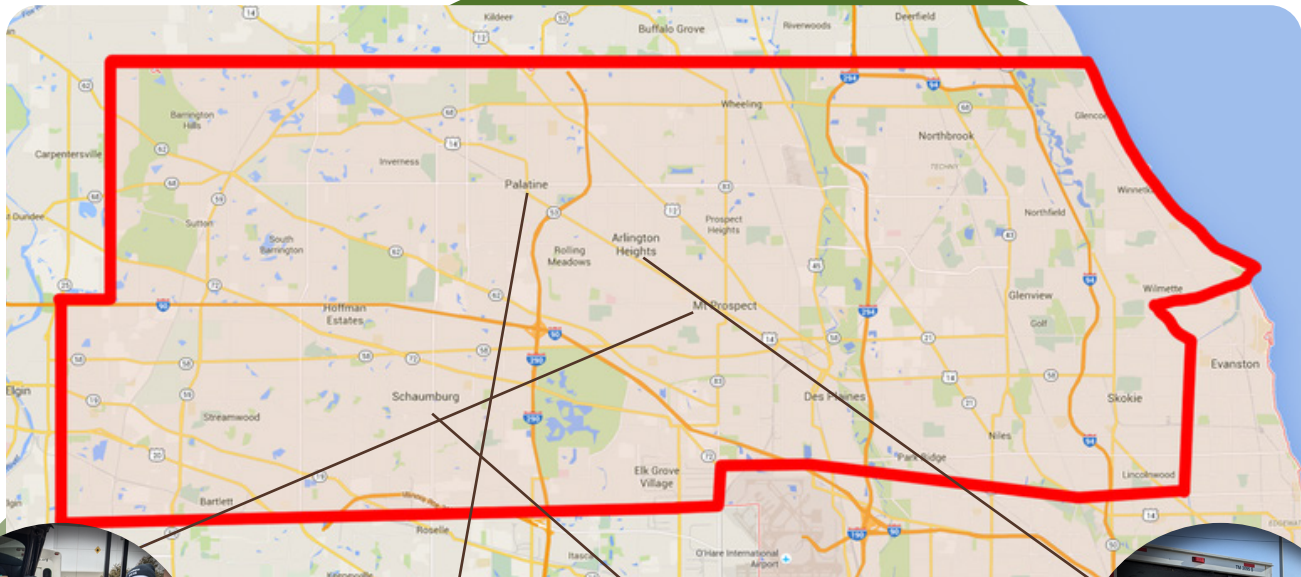


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Show Us Where JOURNEYS Lives!



We want to see you! Yes, you! The JOURNEYS community stretches far and wide, and we want to see it in action! Doing something kind in your neighborhood? Collecting items for friends in need? Advocating for JOURNEYS mission in your area? Take action, and show us your work!

JOURNEYS lives wherever its mission is felt and comes alive, and we know that our community goes above and beyond every day.

Take a photo of yourself doing work - big or small! - in your community, and send it our way for a chance to be featured on JOURNEYS' social media platforms.

Please note that:

- Each person in the photograph must consent to be photographed and featured in JOURNEYS' social media posts. We advise photos with no more than three people.
- We will not accept photos containing the people you are serving due to privacy issues.
- Submissions must include the **full names and contact information of each individual in each photograph** as well as the date, location, and a brief description of the service project you are undertaking, and the contact information of the individual submitting the photos.
- The submission of photos does not guarantee that they will be featured on JOURNEYS' social media platforms.
- **Submission of photos grants the release of the photos to be used in JOURNEYS' social media posts and other marketing materials.**

Email your photos as a .jpg or .png to our Marketing Associate, Roxanne Gentry, at r.gentry@journeystheroadhome.org

JOURNEYS | Lives Here: PADS Shelter Sites

Our PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) sites are an integral part of JOURNEYS' mission. During colder months, PADS sites offer overnight shelter to clients in addition a hot meal and breakfast. We asked our PADS site directors to tell us what "JOURNEYS | Lives Here" means to them. Here are a few of their responses!



"For more than 30 years, PADS guests have been welcomed to the shelter at All Saints Lutheran Church as if they had been invited into our own home. A hallmark of that hospitality has been nutritious, home-cooked meals!"

- All Saints Lutheran Church
Palatine

"Sharing our space with JOURNEYS means we are living our mission to be a welcoming community. We strive to be a space where all are welcome."

- St. John United Church of Christ
Arlington Heights



"JOURNEYS lives here when we open our doors each week to our neighbors and provide them with a hot meal, a safe place to sleep and a warm welcome."

-Congregational United Church of Christ
Arlington Heights



Interested in volunteering at one of JOURNEYS' PADS Shelter Sites?

Visit: <https://www.journeystheroadhome.org/volunteer.html>

Is your organization interested in becoming a PADS Shelter Site?

Contact our Shelter Manager, Tom Kenter, at t.kenter@journeystheroadhome.org

Event Highlights

Bid for HOPE Gala 2022

Our Bid for HOPE Gala was a huge success! There was food! There was dancing!
There were bidding wars! There was friendship and community!
Everyone was united by the commitment to help our neighbors.
Thanks to all who made it great!



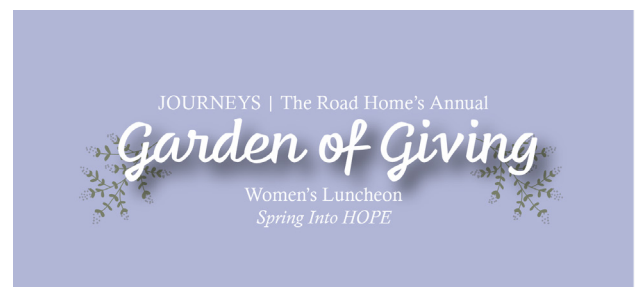
Stay tuned for more information about Bid for HOPE 2023!
For more upcoming events, visit:
<https://www.journeystheroadhome.org/events.html>

Save the Date

Our 3rd Leap Into HOPE event will be
February 24th, 2023



The 9th Annual Garden of Giving Women's
Luncheon will be April 26th, 2023



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