



OVER 35 YEARS SERVING IN CHICAGO

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS • PROVIDING SHELTER • ACCEPTING PEOPLE • FINDING HOME

2022 REPORT

People Housed in 2022



"When a family first comes to this program, there is fear, hesitancy, and resistance. It is a blessing to see families lower those guards and trust us as we help them achieve their goals. Lastly, a great bond is built. It is bittersweet when they tackle the biggest goal of finding a place, they can call home."

– Adrienne Wilson, Sylvia Family Shelter Supervisor

"In life, you have to have a base. You have to have a starting point. At Cornerstone, I found a place to begin again."

– Dell, Father of Two

Shelter Beds in 2022



Beds Occupied Every Night

138

Total Shelter Beds

50,082

Recovery from poverty and homelessness can begin with a safe place to stay. Last year, one in five shelter guests (20%) had been sleeping on the bus, train, park bench, or another public place before being welcomed into one of CCO's shelters.

\$25 from Donors
\$25 from DFSS

Each Bed Cost
\$50
Per Night

The essential work here at Cornerstone Community Outreach is made possible by the generosity of organizations and individuals like you. Your tax deductible financial donations go directly into the programs and allow beds to be available for families and individuals experiencing homelessness while assisting them on their journey toward finding housing.

Children Experiencing Homelessness

In 2022, 199 Children stayed in a CCO family shelter – 115 were newborns to 5 years old



The early childhood years are a time of unparalleled development and neurological growth. Cornerstone welcomes families out of dangerous, substandard, and vulnerable situations into a safe space that leads to the health and well-being of children and adults alike.

Fighting Hunger Together

152,558

Nutritious Meals Served Out of the CCO Kitchen

Through your generous giving, the CCO kitchen served 152,558 warm, nutritious meals in 2022. Families and individuals moving from one of Cornerstone's shelters into new housing receive ample groceries to stock their kitchens.

For over 25 years, the Cornerstone Food Pantry has offered canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, bread, and other food items on a weekly basis. These services combat food insecurity and help shelter guests and neighbors reach their full potential.

17,280 Hours of Individualized, Wrap-around Services

Every person who arrives at Cornerstone has a unique history, skill set, and need for support. The CCO case managers welcome, build trust, and work alongside every shelter guest. With professional compassion, CCO case managers offer wrap-around services that include individualized referrals to education, training, employment, benefits, physical and behavioral healthcare, housing, and more. Many shelter guests visit their former case managers years after moving out of CCO, full of gratitude for the help they received. It is truly a life-changing relationship.

Donate to CCO

Join with us as a financial donor today!

Consider partnering with CCO or renewing your commitment to providing shelter beds and critical wrap-around services. Essential provisions and support transform lives. A donation of \$25 covers the cost of one shelter bed for one night. Your financial gift offers a fresh start for those seeking a safe place, nourishment, and personalized assistance.

Medical Care

Free, on-site, easily accessible health care is a valuable and critical part of Cornerstone's wrap-around services.

On average, Heartland Alliance Health connects



18 CCO
Guests

to health care services each week.

In 2022, 67% of shelter guests reported having a medical or behavioral healthcare challenge. Cornerstone is grateful for the vital partnership with *Heartland Alliance Health*, which administers high-quality, professional healthcare for CCO shelter guests.



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