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*HOW empowers women,
children, and families to break
the cycle of poverty and
homelessness.*



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HOW client graduates from top beauty school

Living with mental health challenges, Nicole struggled with her health throughout her life. Trying to manage her symptoms often got in the way of pursuing her dreams. And despite her best efforts, her illness began to impact her ability to find work which in turn had negative effects on her self-esteem and social relationships. Nicole has been with HOW for over a decade now most recently working with her current case manager Rosemarie who instantly saw her potential and has helped Nicole regain her confidence and manage her health.



"Working with Nicole has been an inspirational experience for me," shares Rosemarie. "She radiates a gentle spirit of kindness and willingness to extend a hand and heart to others."

With a HOW apartment to call her own, Nicole's life and health soon stabilized and she was able to apply to Tricoci University's Beauty program where she was quickly accepted and launched on a fast-track to achieving her dreams. As a result of her hard work, Nicole has already graduated from the Tricoci Beauty Program and is currently working towards her barber license. "I am especially proud of her perseverance and desire to exercise her independence in society," says Rosemarie, "She is really special."



Welcome Home to Evanston

Celebrate with us on April 27th!

Join us to celebrate the opening of HOW's first building in Evanston!

The evening will feature a cocktail reception, seated dinner, and an inspiring program featuring the voices of those who are integral to HOW's remarkable achievements and enduring impact. We are excited to honor both the Woman's Club of Evanston, as well as the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

HOW remains true to its mission of empowering individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness and will mark 2019 with the opening of a 16-unit newly constructed affordable housing development in Evanston.

To purchase tickets or learn more please visit: www.how-inc.org/welcomehome

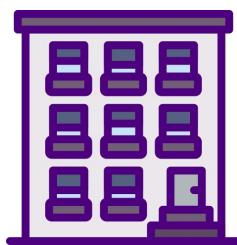
Last Year's Impact

2018 year in review

Since 1983, HOW has been a leader in permanent solutions to homelessness. Through prevention strategies; expanded, affordable, supportive housing; and individualized support services we have helped thousands take back their lives.

2018 Outcomes:

- 1,362 people including 611 children were served by HOW
- 97% of those served remained stably housed
- 87% of those who graduated from HOW's programs, maintained permanent, stable housing
- 80% of those who had employment, maintained it
- 100% of students enrolled in our afterschool programs, maintained a GPA of or over 2.5
- 93% of clients reported that they are making progress toward their goals
- 96% said they were satisfied with the support and assistance they were receiving from their case manager



Bringing Chicago Home

An opportunity for advocacy

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In November of last year, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless announced its watershed plan to reduce homelessness within the city. The plan called for a broad coalition of policy makers, elected officials, community groups, and local citizens to begin advocating on behalf of the Coalition's presented proposal which aims to combat the city's growing issue of homelessness and lack of affordable housing.

The proposal is carved into three segments that focus on affordability, responsibility, and popularity. A one-time tax on home's sold within Chicago for +\$1 million is at the center of the

plan, with all generated funds going solely to dedicated programs focused on alleviating homelessness within the city. According to the Coalition's research, two-thirds of likely voters would support the plan if it appeared on the March 2020 ballot.

The Coalition is looking for local advocates to help ensure the measure will appear on next year's ballot. Find out how you can express your support or get more involved by visiting: www.bringchicagohome.org.

Lesley Timpe, Local Artist and HOW Hero

Using her influence and network to help HOW clients



Lesley Timpe, local fashion designer and boutique owner

Owner of the Ukrainian Village boutique **Squasht**, Lesley Timpe, first began working with HOW a year ago when she agreed to accept in-kind donations for one of HOW's quarterly donation drives. Since then, Lesley has become an ardent supporter, using her knowledge of the local business landscape and extensive network to make a huge difference in the lives of HOW clients. "As an overly-busy small business owner, I am always looking for ways to give back to my community but sometimes it is hard to find the time or resources," shares Lesley.

Working as a fashion designer with her own line of apparel, Lesley is naturally inventive and uses her creativity to find unique ways to encourage people to donate. Last year on Squasht's eighth anniversary she offered 10% off to anyone who brought in donations for HOW's Spring Cleaning Drive as a way to increase customer participation.

Lesley is well-known and respected in Chicago's small business community and uses her influence to encourage other local shops to give back and get more involved. Over the past year she has been able to get several other local businesses to collect in-kind donations and even connected HOW with two local florists (**Pistil & Vine**, and **Marguerite Gardens**) who donated the centerpieces for the 35th Anniversary Benefit. "If we all pitch in together just as much as we can, then we will definitely see a positive impact and results," she notes. "You have to start somewhere and taking action is the only way to get things done...you'd be surprised how many other people are willing to get behind the initiative and help out."

Lesley's kindness and commitment is revered around Chicago, but her extensive support continues to inspire HOW clients and staff regularly. Thank you Lesley for your remarkable efforts!

HOW is grateful to the many local businesses that support our mission and work – places like **The Children's Gift Shop**, **Northshore Kosher Bakery**, **Dr. Susan Torma**, and so many others. When shopping or looking for services, please keep partners like these in mind.

Spring Cleaning Drive

Spring into action and make a donation!



Spring is a time for warmer weather, longer days, and cleaner homes. For the month of April we are accepting household cleaning product donations as a part of our annual Spring Cleaning Drive. Donations of full-size, unused products will be distributed to the nearly 500 households and can be dropped off at either HOW office or purchased through Amazon.

To learn more visit: www.how-inc.org/spring-cleaning