



Street
Samaritans

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2024

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DEAR FRIENDS-



As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with both gratitude and urgency. Gratitude for you—our supporters, partners, and advocates—who have walked alongside us in our mission to address homelessness with compassion and integrity. Urgency, because the need has never been greater. Each number in this report represents a person: a neighbor, a sibling, a parent, a child. And as Chicago grows colder, the warmth of human connection becomes more essential than ever.

This past year, Street Samaritans has grown in ways we could not have imagined. Together, we housed 51 households—a number that represents far more than shelter. It's hope rekindled, stability restored, and dignity reclaimed. Our outreach services continued to meet people where they are, breaking down barriers to essential services and reminding every individual that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten. Your generosity empowered us to provide countless meals, care packages, and moments of connection that transcended the transactional and reached the transformational.

But let us be clear: the crisis of homelessness is growing. Rising rents, systemic inequities, and insufficient resources have created a perfect storm that pushes more of our neighbors into the margins and onto the streets. This is not just a housing issue; it is a moral one. It challenges us to ask: What kind of community do we want to be? Can we picture a Chicago where every person has a place to call home, where compassion drives action, and where solutions are rooted in justice?

I believe we can. And I believe Street Samaritans is uniquely positioned to lead in this fight.

In 2024, we deepened our commitment to listen to the voices of those experiencing homelessness, who are the true experts in their own lives. Their insights shaped our programs and guided our advocacy, ensuring that our work is not just for them but *with them*. We also strengthened our financial foundation, thanks to the trust and generosity of supporters like you, enabling us to dream bigger for the future.

As we look to 2025, our vision is bold. We aim to expand our impact, invest in long-term solutions, and foster deeper collaborations across the city. We will continue to challenge the systems that perpetuate homelessness while offering immediate relief to those in need. This is hard work, but it is holy work—a reflection of our shared humanity and our belief in the inherent worth of every person.

None of this is possible without you. Your partnership fuels our mission, your compassion inspires our team, and your advocacy amplifies the voices of those we serve. Together, we are proving that grassroots efforts can create ripples of change that transform lives and communities.

We cannot afford to lose momentum in this fight. Now is the time to double down on our belief that change isn't just possible—it's within reach. But we must act boldly and with purpose. The road ahead may be difficult, but it's important to remember that we're walking it together.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in a better Chicago. And thank you for being a part of this journey.

With hope and determination,

Shiloh Capone

A VISION FOR CHANGE, A YEAR OF ACTION

GUIDED BY MISSION, GROUNDED IN VALUES

Our mission is to intervene in the cycles of homelessness and poverty by connecting people to solutions and walking with them on their journey. But our mission is more than a statement- it is a response to the barriers that perpetuate the cycles we're intervening in.

At Street Samaritans, we envision a Chicago where our work is no longer necessary—a city where everyone can access safe housing, basic necessities, and the support they need to thrive. Guided by our core values of accessibility, compassion, respect, curiosity, and integrity, we are committed to empowering individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness and creating pathways to stability and dignity.

Through outreach, case management, and community partnerships, we meet people where they are—physically, emotionally, and geographically. By addressing immediate needs and building long-term solutions, we are working toward a more compassionate and equitable future for all Chicagoans.

From the beginning, we've prioritized listening to the voices of those we serve, recognizing that they are the true experts of their own lives. Every program we design and every initiative we undertake is informed by the lived experiences of individuals in our community.

While we celebrate progress, we are mindful of the challenges we face. Scaling operations to meet growing demand has been a key focus, and this has sharpened our strategies this year and beyond. Every connection we make, every service we provide, and every life we touch is measured not just in numbers but in stories of resilience and hope. Together we are proving that change is possible—one connection at a time.

GROWTH THAT INSPIRES, PROGRESS THAT ENDURES

This year marked an extraordinary period of growth for Street Samaritans, both in reach and impact. By year end, we had achieved a 629% year-over-year increase in housing placements—an accomplishment that reflects the dedication of our team, the trust of those we serve, and the generosity of our community. We supported more individuals and families in their journey toward stability and hope than ever before. This growth wasn't just about numbers. It is about lives changed, stories rewritten, and a community coming together to ensure no one is left behind. It's a testament to what is possible when compassion meets action, inspiring us to dream even bigger for the future.

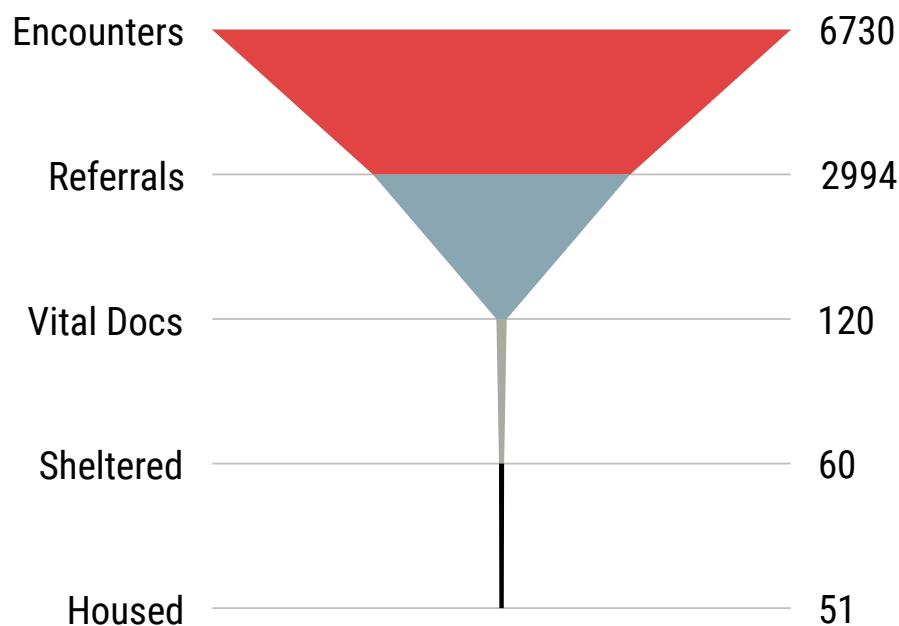
As we reflect on this year's accomplishments, we remain focused on what lies ahead—building innovative solutions, strengthening partnerships, and continuing to learn from the lived experiences of those we serve. Our growth underscores the impact of our mission and serves as a foundation for even greater progress in the years to come.

629%
GROWTH IN YOY
HOUSING PLACEMENTS
FROM 2023 TO 2024

Every interaction matters. This year, Street Samaritans worked tirelessly to transform moments of connection into meaningful change. From providing immediate support to building long-term solutions, our work is guided by the belief that every individual deserves a pathway to stability and dignity.

TURNING ENCOUNTERS INTO EMPOWERMENT

The data on this page captures the breadth and depth of our impact, illustrating how we meet people where they are and walk with them on their journey to stability.



Our approach is intentional and transformative. What begins as a single encounter evolves into a continuum of care—offering vital resources, securing essential documents, and facilitating access to shelter and housing. This journey is not possible without the power of collaboration. This year, 430 volunteers dedicated 1,720 hours of their time to the cause—that’s the equivalent of over 71 days spent making a difference. Their commitment, alongside the tireless efforts of our six full-time team members, has amplified our impact and deepened our reach. Together, we have proven that when compassion meets action, transformation follows, creating opportunities for resilience and hope every step of the way.

6,730

MOMENTS OF CONNECTION

2,994

DOORS OPENED TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

51

HOUSEHOLDS FOUND A PLACE TO CALL HOME

60

SAFE HAVENS CREATED FOR THOSE SEEKING IMMEDIATE REFUGE

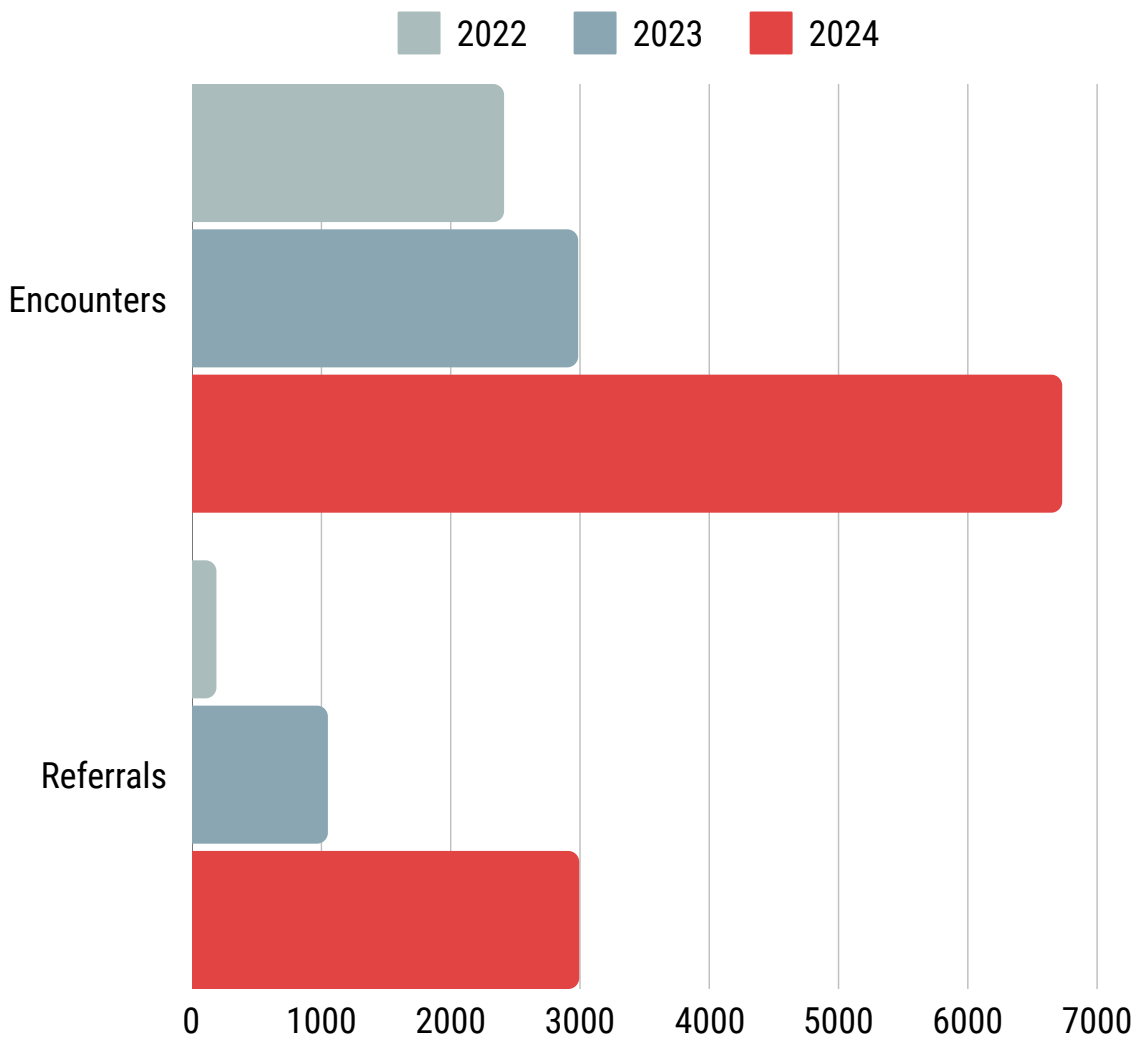
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CRITICAL STEPS TAKEN TOWARD RECLAIMING IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE

430

COMMUNITY MEMBERS STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IMPACT, Year-Over-Year



The past two years have marked a transformative journey for Street Samaritans, driven by our commitment to meet the growing needs of our community. From 2022 to 2024, we more than doubled encounters, facilitated nearly 3,000 service referrals, and secured stable housing for 51 households—an extraordinary 629% increase in just one year. Each metric reflects not only growth but a deeper impact: encounters became moments of connection, referrals bridged critical gaps in services, and housing placements offered stability and hope. While challenges remain, such as the fluctuating need for shelter placements, these numbers tell a story of resilience, adaptability, and our unwavering dedication to uplifting lives. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate community.

OUR HEART AND SOUL: THE PEOPLE BEHIND STREET SAMARITANS' IMPACT

At Street Samaritans, our work is driven by the passion, dedication, and expertise of our incredible team. From our compassionate staff to the visionary leadership of our Executive Board and the invaluable guidance of our Associate Board, each person plays a crucial role in making our mission a reality. Together, they provide the heart, the strategy, and the commitment that drive our impact and ensure that we continue to transform lives, one step at a time.



OUR STAFF

Shiloh Capone, Executive Director
Oscar Martinez, Director of Impact
Eric Langham, Community Outreach Specialist
Dr. Chezeray Moore, Community Outreach Specialist
Shavon Adamson, Community Outreach Specialist
Sergio Ortiz, Community Outreach Specialist



OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Melanie Fernando, President and Founder
Neal Karski, Vice President and Founder
Sheenal Patel, Treasurer
Shana Prymicz, Secretary
Dr. Abdi Tinwalla, Board Member at Large
Dave Freeman, Board Member at Large



OUR ASSOCIATE BOARD

Ilyssa Haner, President
Curren Chadha, Treasurer
Sarah Virani, Secretary
Olivia Schmit
Kail Cohen
Bryan Pierard
Sean Parmelee
Justin Uffelman
Jonathon Goldrath
Kat Bouzein

The success of Street Samaritans wouldn't be possible without the tireless work and unwavering support of every member of our team. Our staff brings compassion and expertise to every interaction with clients, our Executive Board sets the strategic direction that guides our growth, and our Associate Board provides innovative solutions and community engagement. Together, they form a network of support that helps us tackle the complex challenges of homelessness, all while staying true to our core values of dignity, compassion, and integrity. We are deeply grateful for their contributions and proud to work alongside such inspiring individuals.

OUR 2025 GOALS

At Street Samaritans, we envision a community where everyone has access to the dignity, compassion, and resources they need to overcome homelessness and thrive. Guided by our mission to intervene in cycles of homelessness and poverty, our goals and strategies for the year ahead are designed to inspire hope, drive meaningful change, and ensure sustainable progress. By aligning our efforts with the values of accessibility, dignity, curiosity, compassion, and integrity, we aim to make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

1

Enhancing Operational Excellence & Impact

In 2025, we are committed to transforming the way we serve those in need by refining and expanding our operational capabilities. We will implement cutting-edge tools and innovative strategies to streamline our case management and outreach efforts, ensuring that every individual receives the timely and tailored support they deserve. This year, we will work relentlessly to build an agile and responsive system that meets people where they are, creating an environment where our team can act swiftly and with compassion, improving lives every day.

2

Cultivating Financial Sustainability & Growth

We are embarking on a bold journey in 2025 to secure the financial strength necessary to expand our impact. By diversifying our revenue streams, forging new partnerships, and expanding our donor base, we will build a sustainable future for Street Samaritans. We are not just raising funds; we are building a movement where every dollar is a catalyst for change, ensuring that our programs grow and thrive to meet the evolving needs of those experiencing homelessness. With financial stability, we will be poised to create lasting transformation in the lives of those we serve.

3

Shifting Public Perception & Engagement

2025 will be the year that we lead a cultural shift in how homelessness is understood and addressed. Through powerful storytelling, strategic partnerships, and broadening the reach of our advocacy, we will inspire Chicagoans to see homelessness not as a problem to be fixed but as a community challenge that requires empathy, action, and collaboration. Our goal is to ignite a movement of compassion where everyone—from individuals to businesses—takes responsibility in uplifting those experiencing homelessness, fostering a city where dignity, respect, and second chances are extended to all.

4

Strengthening Our Workforce & Community Partnerships

In 2025, we will invest deeply in our most valuable asset: our people. We will prioritize leadership development, team training, and a culture of inclusivity to ensure that every staff member, volunteer, and community partner is empowered to make a profound impact. By strengthening partnerships and engaging a diverse volunteer base, we will build a network of support that multiplies our collective ability to create change. Our vision is a future where every person involved with Street Samaritans feels equipped, supported, and inspired to contribute to a shared mission of ending homelessness.

MEASURABLE IMPACT, MEANINGFUL CHANGE

In 2025, we're pushing boundaries to create real, measurable change. Our bold goals—housing more individuals, engaging hundreds of new volunteers, and expanding life-changing services—are backed by data and driven by action.



HOUSING 70+ HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH OUR WRAPAROUND SERVICES.

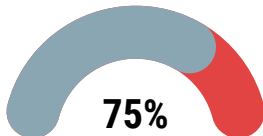


EXPANDING MOBILE OUTREACH TO SERVE 9,870 UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS.

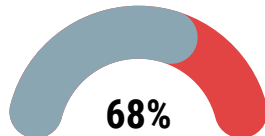


ENGAGING 450 NEW VOLUNTEERS AND 10 COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO AMPLIFY COMMUNITY IMPACT.

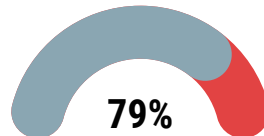
Pushing Forward: Year-Over-Year Growth Goals



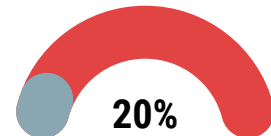
Increase in Encounters



Increase in Referrals



Increase in Permanent Housing Placement



Increase in Successful Service Linkage

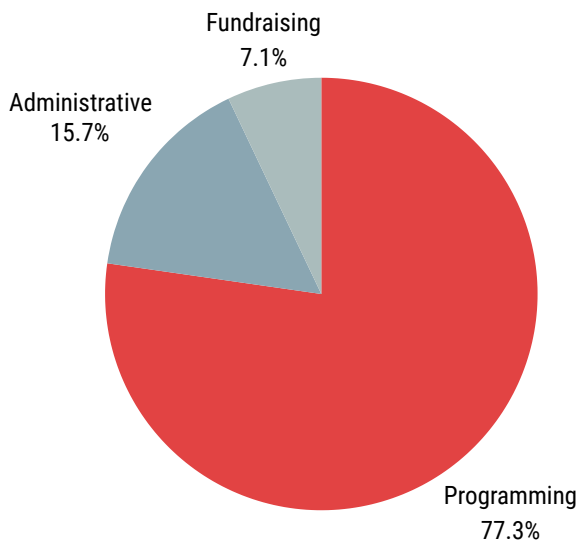
60% OF THOSE WE ENCOUNTER WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE RIGHT SUPPORTS AT THE RIGHT TIME, ENSURING THEY HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO EXIT HOMELESSNESS PERMANENTLY.



BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

INVESTING IN IMPACT AND GROWTH

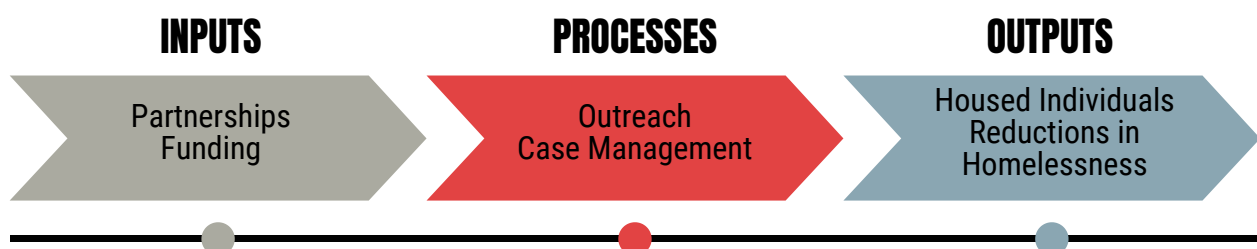
HOW WE'RE ALLOCATING RESOURCES IN 2025:



At Street Samaritans, integrity and transparency guide every dollar we spend. In 2025, 77% of our budget will power life-changing programs—housing solutions, outreach, and case management for those experiencing homelessness. We also know that sustainability is key to driving lasting impact. That's why 15.7% supports vital operations to strengthen our team and improve efficiency, and 7.1% fuels fundraising efforts to expand our reach and grow our mission. Every dollar you give is an investment in hope, resilience, and real, measurable change for our community.

SCALING TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

In 2025, Street Samaritans is committed to growing our impact by meeting people where they are—physically, emotionally, and geographically. By expanding services, strengthening partnerships, and increasing capacity, we'll ensure that more individuals receive the care they need. Our strategy connects resources and collaboration (inputs) with hands-on outreach and case management (processes) to deliver life-changing outcomes like stable housing and empowered communities (outputs).



EVERY DOLLAR ACCOUNTED FOR 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Statements

In 2024, Street Samaritans turned your generosity into impact. We strategically invested every dollar we received to maximize our impact, channeling resources directly into the programs and services that matter most. The small surplus is a testament to how efficiently we put every dollar to work, ensuring your support goes straight to advancing our mission.

\$555,196

Revenue

\$549,978

Expenses

\$5,218

Surplus

Balance Sheet

In 2024, our balance sheet reflects a strong and sustainable financial position, built through careful stewardship of your support. With solid assets and minimal liabilities, we are positioned to continue making a meaningful impact. The strength of our equity underscores the growth and stability that allow us to invest in our programs and services, ensuring every dollar contributes directly to advancing our mission.

\$447,855

Assets

\$4,308

Liabilities

\$443,547

Total Equity

Functional Expenses

In 2024, we remained committed to putting your donations where they matter most—directly into the programs that create lasting change. The majority of our expenses, over 80%, were dedicated to programming—ensuring that every dollar goes toward supporting those experiencing homelessness. We continue to manage administrative and fundraising costs with utmost efficiency, ensuring that your investment directly fuels our mission.

\$441,223

Programming

\$47,995

Administrative

\$60,761

Fundraising

80%

of every dollar is directed to programs. The remainder invests in our growth and innovation.

Thanks to our donors' generosity, we transformed every \$1 donated into \$3.32 of direct impact, delivering **\$866,570.20** worth of services to individuals experiencing homelessness



\$5,111 GIVES SOMEONE THE KEYS TO A SAFE AND STABLE HOME.

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE, PARTNERS IN COMPASSION

Our work at Street Samaritans is made possible by the generosity of many in our community who believe in our mission to create lasting change. From individual donors and corporate sponsors to philanthropic organizations and foundations, each contribution provides the resources, encouragement, and shared vision needed to transform lives and uplift our community. Their support enables us to provide essential services, build hope, and inspire compassion throughout our community. We are profoundly grateful for their contributions, which allow us to address homelessness with compassion, integrity, and impact.

FUNDING THE FUTURE: OUR GRANT PARTNERS

- AllChicago's Continuum of Care
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Boyer Foundation
- Illinois State Treasurer's Office
- SBB Research Group Foundation
- The Chicago Community Trust
- BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois
- William McGowan Charitable Fund

VISIONARY LEADERS (\$15,000+)

Our Visionary Leaders are at the forefront of change, driving bold initiatives and shaping a future where homelessness is a thing of the past. Their extraordinary support inspires and enables transformative action.

- Jubilee Medical Services
- Hotel Rehabs
- Arbor Lodging

CATALYST DONORS (\$10,000—\$14,999)

Catalyst Donors spark transformative change, empowering us to innovate and take meaningful steps toward ending homelessness.

- Patient Engine

STRENGTH IN UNITY, PROGRESS THROUGH GENEROSITY

STEADFAST PARTNERS (\$5,000—\$9,999)

Steadfast Partners form the backbone of our mission. Their unwavering commitment sustains our work and ensures long-term impact in the fight against homelessness.

- AArete
- CJL Resources
- Priester Aviation
- Turn2 Development and Construction
- Greenberg Traurig
- Dentons
- Aum Bio Center
- A&G Law LLC
- CohnReznick
- MarshMcLennan Agency

COMMUNITY PILLARS (\$1,000—\$4,999)

Our Community Pillars provide the essential resources needed to lift individuals and families toward brighter futures. Their steadfast generosity creates lasting change for those experiencing homelessness.

- Bryan Pierard
- Brian and Caitlin Powers
- Peter and Carolyn Mattox
- Sheenal Patel

ESSENTIAL SUPPORTERS (\$999 OR LESS)

Every gift, no matter the size, builds the foundation of hope that sustains our mission. While privacy considerations prevent us from naming all donors, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who fuel our efforts to address homelessness and provide vital services.

We also recognize the following corporate sponsors, who share our vision of a compassionate and equitable community:

- Chicago Behavioral Hospital
- First Bank Chicago
- Hegre, McMahon, & Schimmel, LLC

To every supporter—named and unnamed—thank you for standing with us. Your belief in our mission empowers us to create meaningful, lasting change. Together, we are building brighter futures for all.

ANSWER THE CALL, HELP END HOMELESSNESS



DONATE

**Fuel the Mission,
Transform Lives**

Your financial support is the foundation of our work, empowering us to create lasting change and meet critical needs in the community.

How You Can Help:

- * Make a one time or recurring donation at donate.streetsamaritans.org
- * Sponsor a specific program or initiative.
- * Host a fundraiser or pledge your birthday to support our cause.

AT \$38.74 PER ENCOUNTER, EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS.



VOLUNTEER

**Lend your heart and
your hands.**

Volunteers are the heart of our mission, creating meaningful connections and providing direct support to those who need it most.

How You Can Help:

- * Join our outreach efforts to distribute essential supplies and offer kindness.
- * Share your skills through administrative or program support.

OUR DATA DEMONSTRATES A CLEAR LINK: FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER, WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT FOUR MORE INDIVIDUALS. MORE VOLUNTEERS MEAN MORE PEOPLE SERVED.

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PARTNER

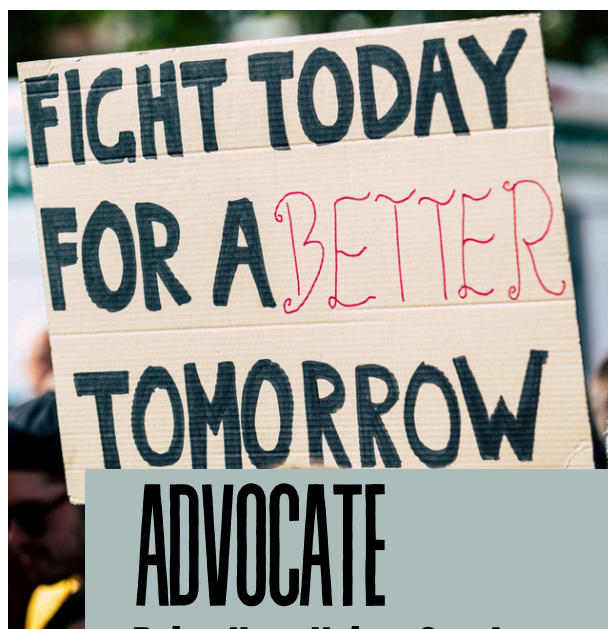
Collaborate to Build a Better Chicago

Join the growing list of businesses and organizations investing in lasting solutions to homelessness. Collaboration drives innovation and amplifies results. Together, we can make lasting change.

How You Can Help:

- * Become a corporate sponsor or event partner.
- * Collaborate with us to provide resources, services, or expertise.
- * Align your organization's values with ours to strengthen our shared mission.

PARTNERSHIPS MULTIPLY IMPACT, REACHING MORE LIVES AND BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE TOGETHER.



ADVOCATE

Raise Your Voice, Spark Change

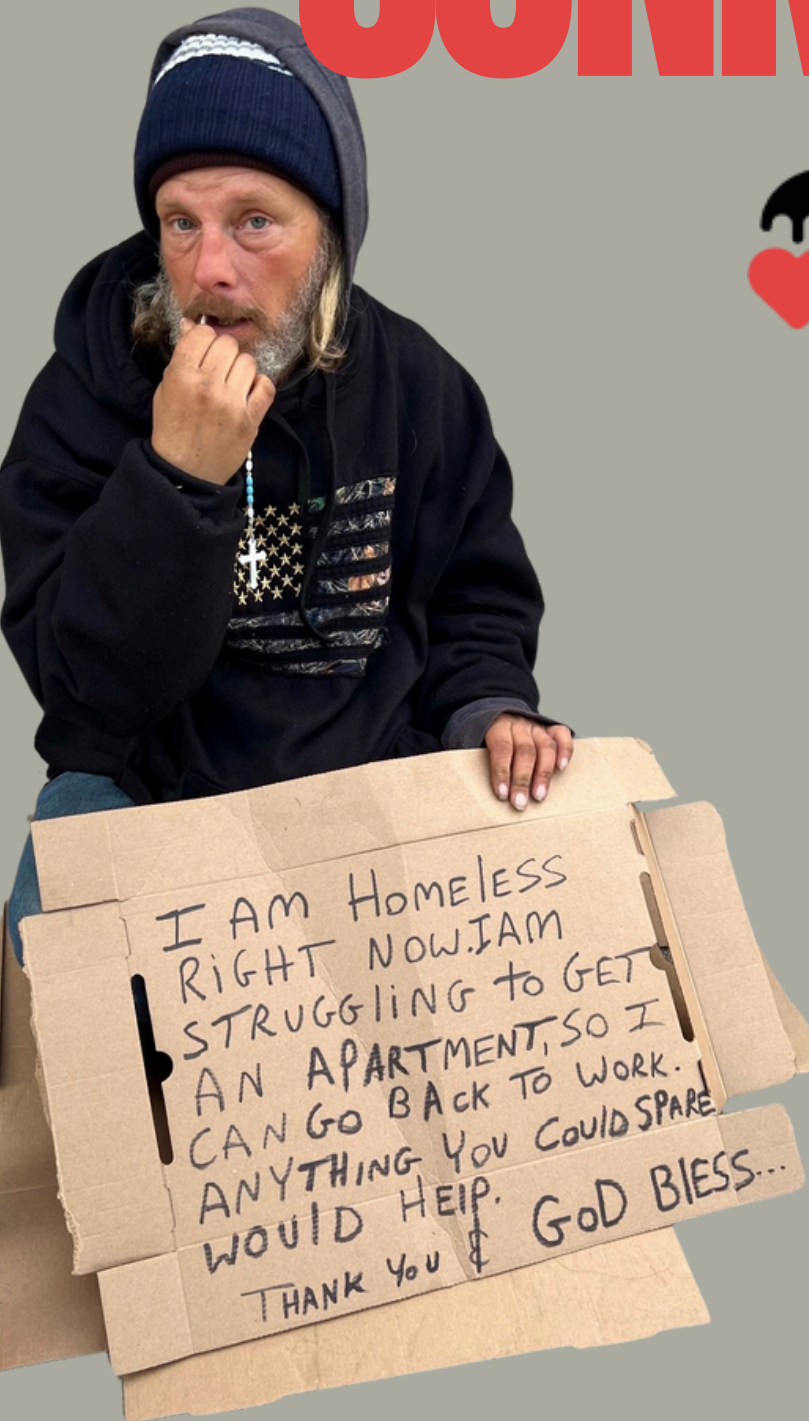
By speaking up and sharing our mission, you can help address the root causes of challenges and inspire action.

How You Can Help:

- * Share our story on social media to spread awareness.
- * Participate in advocacy campaigns or sign petitions for policy change.
- * Attend events and workshops to learn and advocate for solutions.

ADVOCACY DRIVES THE SHIFT FROM SOCIAL SERVICES TO LASTING SOCIAL CHANGE.

STAY CONNECTED.



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