CARE FOR FRIENDS

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020





#### **AN OVERVIEW**

Care For Friends began as a mission of the Episcopal church, in the summer of 1968, when demonstrators sought respite there from the violence ensuing from the Democratic Convention. In 2012, the decision was taken to grow the program by creating an independent 501 (C) 3, now known as Care For Friends.

2020 was a year of challenges and Black Lives Matters demonstrations, reflective of the time when the work of Care For Friends began. Acutely aware of the legacy to be carried on, our community of volunteers, staff, and partners continued operations, without interruption, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic affected us all. At Care For Friends, our housing-insecure guests were heavily impacted and we saw new faces, most of whom never had the need to visit us before. That urged us to pivot to offer new services to those hurt by the pandemic, while already dealing with many other personal challenges.

We worked with a single parent of two in need of groceries and other essential items. In the same week, a refugee from Myanmar looking for resources to rebuild his life came to us for help.

With the increased needs of our new and regular guests in mind, we added resources to support the most underserved in our communities. In April, we started a grocery program for housing & food-insecure youth and their families, impacting over 40 families and providing them access to a hot meal, at the table, surrounded by family.

We remain committed to our mission and to providing as much help to our guests through this pandemic, and beyond. Your support allowed us to continue our role as a community hub, and to provide a point of entry for those most in need for vital assistance. We are delighted to have this opportunity to thank you, our friends, donors, and volunteers, for all that you have done and continuing to be a part of the Care For Friends community.

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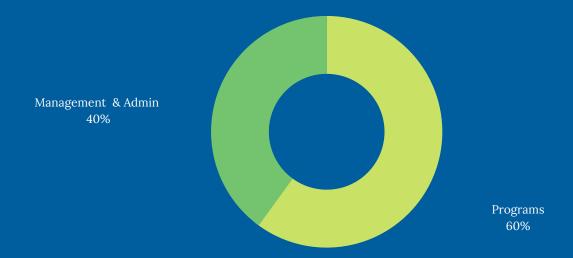
Executive Director

#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

#### **Revenue Sources**



#### Expenses Breakdown



## **OUR IMPACT**

Food For Friends, Clothing, Hygiene and Toiletries

10,101

meals served

Over **1,500**articles
of clothing
distributed

**30** haircuts given to Care For Friends guests

**\$30,000** worth of personal care & PPE items distributed

partner agencies
benefited from shared
services

## **OUR IMPACT**

**Youth Program** 

Ultimate Food & Movie
Teen Fest: Resource
festival for housing &
food insecure youth

**50** youth attended

6 community partners collaborated: DePaul USA, Skills for Chicagoland's Future, Blue Sky Bakery, Philz, Wintrust, & The Logan Theatre

150 pounds of meals &snacks served, Over20 haircuts and manicuresgiven

## **OUR IMPACT**

**Youth Program** 

CarePacks: Direct
Grocery Delivery
Service for housing &
food insecure youth

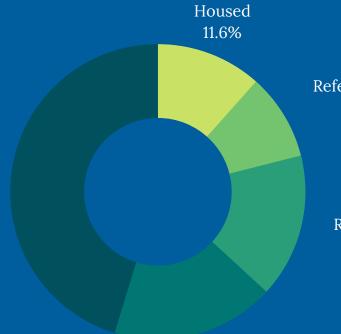
60 youth served

**40** families served

2,300 pounds of groceries delivered directly to youth

#### OUR IMPACT: CASE MANAGEMENT

\*103 GUESTS ASSISTED BY HOUSING PARTNERS AT CFF HOT MEALS



Documentation Assistance 45.3%

Referrals to Emergency Shelter 9.5%

Referrals to Affordable Housing 15.8%

Referrals for Rental Assistance 17.9%



## OUR IMPACT: HEALTHCARE FOR FRIENDS FOOT CLINIC

48 volunteer hours were devoted to serving 65 guests.



The Young
Leaders Fund of
Chicago
Community
Trust awarded
the Foot Clinic
with a \$7,469
grant.



#### **OUR IMPACT: HEALTHCARE FOR FRIENDS**

#### Screening Clinic

15 guests were referred to new primary care providers.

26 guests had their glucose levels, blood pressure, and other common conditions tested by a staff of volunteer nurses and doctors.

The Night Ministry assisted us with multiple services, including HIV testing.

450 guests received health infographics and information on how to minimize exposure from COVID\_19.