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# MAKING CONNECTIONS

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## A NOTE FROM BETTY: OUR IMPACT

When I look back at the last 5 months, I can hardly believe all we have accomplished.

- Our food pantry served **1,450** neighbors,
- Our 24/7 emergency shelter is always at capacity with **22** adults,
- We launched hotel operations to shelter more than **200** people,
- We purchased over **70,000** meals from **30+** local restaurants - investing **\$300,000** into the local economy,
- We prevented **114+** households from experiencing homelessness with eviction prevention funding,
- We helped move more than **30** households into stable housing, and
- We hired **27** new staff members to run expanded operations and locate housing for hotel residents.

Whew! It has really been a whirlwind, but we aren't slowing down. We're committed to locating housing for every individual in our care, and we know we can count on you to help us reach this goal. Together, we can end homelessness, one person at a time.

Betty A. Bogg  
Executive Director



### *We Need Volunteers!*

We have opportunities at different locations and times of day - but we especially need dinner volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email [info@connect2home.org](mailto:info@connect2home.org).

**DONATE NOW**



### *Currently accepting donations of:*

SOUP IN A CUP  
MICROWAVEABLE MEALS  
SNACK-SIZED CHIPS  
INDIVIDUAL CEREALS  
SUNSCREEN

**Drop-off at 2121 Dewey  
M-F between 9:30-4.**



## GIVE THE GIFT OF HOME

We are working hard to locate and secure housing for participants sheltering in hotels. Since March, we have helped move more than 30 households into independent housing and more participants are moving each week. We need your help to furnish their apartments! The **"Feels Like Home" Amazon Wish List** includes home essentials to outfit an individual's home. Purchase 1 of everything or even just 1 item to help support participants in their next chapter.

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SHOP OUR  
[FEELS LIKE HOME WISH LIST](#)



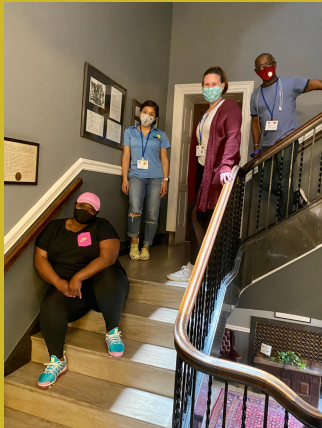
## *ICYMI: View From the Frontline*

Learn more about our response to COVID-19 and hear from Executive Director, Betty Bogg and a group of frontline staff about their experience at our different site in our recent [video](#).



## WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE

We know that when we take care of the community, the community will take care of us. We are committed to locating housing for every person in our care and remaining open to meet the needs of the community. We are counting on you to support our mission of ending homelessness, one person at a time. **[Support our efforts with a gift today.](#)**



## *We're Hiring!*

Connections is hiring for multiple positions. Visit [connect2home.org/careers](https://connect2home.org/careers) to learn more.

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NEED HELP?




## SPOTLIGHT ON HAIL

Hail Khalaf joined the team in May 2019 as the Volunteer Coordinator. He is responsible for recruiting, training, and managing Connections' 2,000+ volunteers. Hail also manages all in-kind donations and is currently coordinating nearly 600 meals a day for hotel residents.

Prior to joining the team at Connections, Hail worked for the United Nations as an Emergency Officer in Africa and the Middle East. He met his wife, originally from Winnetka, while they both were working in the South Sudan. He followed her all the way to the Midwest and he found the opportunity at Connections. He shares, "I love our community and getting to know our volunteers."

Learn more about the volunteer program and how you can support Connections right now by emailing [info@connect2home.org](mailto:info@connect2home.org).



THE PEOPLE WE'RE SERVING RIGHT NOW:

- 75% are Evanstonians
- 75% are Black
- 50% have no income
- 179 adults and 54 kids

### *Who We Are Serving*

There are currently 226 people sheltering in hotels and at our emergency shelter. 75% identify as Evanstonians, 75% are Black - only 18% of the total Evanston population is Black - 50% have no income, and there are 179 adults and 54 of them are children. We are committed to locating housing for every individual in our care. Learn how you can support our effort at [connect2home.org](http://connect2home.org).

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