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FOR THE HOMELESS

MAKING CONNECTIONS



A NOTE FROM BETTY: SAYING YES TO DOING MORE

We continue to adapt our work to serve the community's changing needs amidst the ever-evolving pandemic. Our next evolution is the reopening Hilda's Place, our location at Lake Street Church on Chicago Avenue, for drop-in services on October 1, just in time for colder weather.

We are modifying the space and the programming to keep participants, staff, and volunteers socially distanced while providing indoor daytime supports. We will continue drop-in services at our Dewey Avenue location as well, ensuring we are helping as many neighbors as possible access basic needs such as showers, clothing, food, toiletries, and household items.

As with all our work, we don't do this alone. We are looking for a total of 17 volunteers each weekday to support the expanded operations.

Connections keeps saying yes to do more because our supporters are saying yes too. We invite you to say yes to volunteering on-site or from home to support our next chapter of **COVID-Response efforts**. Say yes to ending homelessness, one person at a time. Sign up today by emailing info@connect2home.org.

Betty A. Bogg
Executive Director



We Need Volunteers!

Our capacity to serve is increasing with the reopening of Hilda's Place on October 1st.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email

info@connect2home.org.



In Memoriam

Connections and Interfaith Action of Evanston will hold a public memorial to celebrate the lives of the community members we lost in 2020 on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4:00 p.m.

Both a virtual and 50-person capacity in-person option is available.

To join us [RSVP here](#).



EXPANDED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're excited to resume drop-in services at Hilda's Place starting October 1 - but we need your help. More volunteers are needed to run the expanded operations and provide meals. There are opportunities to support both on site and from home. Learn more and sign up today by emailing info@connect2home.org.



FEEDING *our* NEIGHBORS



FUELING *our* ECONOMY



FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS, FUELING OUR HOME

By the end of September, we will have purchased more than 103,000 meals from local restaurants, an investment of \$420,000 into our local economy. This is just a portion of the \$3 million total investment we have made in Evanston. When everyone gets involved, we can reach



Currently accepting donations of:

PROTEIN BARS
BREAKFAST BARS
INDIVIDUAL SNACKS
CANNED PASTAS
CANNED & BOTTLED BEVERAGES

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



Keeping Our Community Safe

The health and safety of our participants and staff continues to be our top priority. Earlier this month, we partnered with Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness to conduct on-site COVID-19 testing for 115 participants and staff. Learn more about our [COVID-Response online](#).



record-breaking impact. Help fund the next 100,000 meals with a [gift today](#).

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SPOTLIGHT ON KATHE DONNELLY

Kathe joined Connections this month as our Volunteer Coordinator. She will be working with our Volunteer Manager Hail Khalaf, as the first point of contact for new volunteers and will manage the volunteer database. Prior to joining the team, she taught elementary school and served as a principal for 39 years – most recently at Sacred Heart School in Winnetka.

Kathe quickly felt connected to our mission and core values sharing, “everyone here has something to offer, and I come happily to work with Hail, the team, and community we serve.”

Kathe will be with us for one year and we hope you will have the opportunity to meet her! To learn more and sign up to volunteer, email info@connect2home.org or visit connect2home.volunteerhub.com.

Feels Like Home

Since, March, we have helped move nearly 80 households into stable housing and more participants are moving each week. Help support their transition from hotel to housing and shop our ["Feels Like Home" Amazon Wish List](#) today!



We're Hiring!

Connections is hiring for multiple positions. Visit connect2home.org/careers to learn more.

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