# LAKE COUNTY HAVEN

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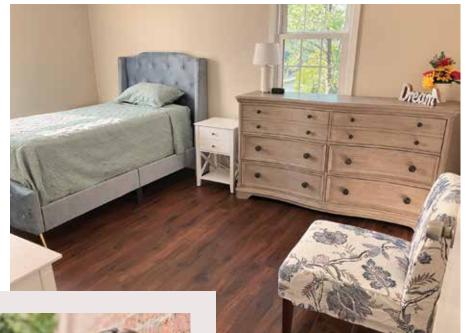
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"When I came to the Lake County Haven, I was given the support, guidance, and direction needed to focus on my issues and positively redirect my life. If I did not have the courage to ask for help, or if such programs were not available, I despair to think of where I would be today, if at all. There are no words to describe my gratitude or the enormous positive impact the Haven has provided in my life."

Lake County Haven is known for providing long-term solutions to homelessness and the factors that contribute to it. The women we encounter are struggling with a number of very difficult issues including trauma, domestic violence, human trafficking, and health problems. Over the years, we have seen a marked increase in the frequency and severity of these issues. Our goal is to address these problems and provide long-term solutions so that women and their families can go on to have safe, happy, independent lives.

A key part of that intervention is our Stage II Transitional Housing program. That program, which is available after someone completes our Shelter Program, provides the time and support needed to heal from trauma, learn to manage health issues, maintain employment, save money, and stabilize children in school. For all those reasons, this program is highly desired by the women and children in our shelters.





In recent years it became clear that the need for this program exceeded the supply. We needed more Transitional Housing. We also decided, given the increased needs of our residents, to create a new type of Stage II housing. We wanted to improve it by bringing our counseling, case management, and ongoing support on-site at this new home. For the women and children living there, a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on would be as close as the next room.

Of course, this project would require financial support. We were fortunate to get a grant from Lake County to help with this effort. We also received a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity; we are so grateful to Senator Mary Edly-Allen for recommending us for that grant. A number of long-term supporters also decided to step up and provide very generous gifts. Additionally, many of the funds were raised at our annual gala paddle-raise.

Each and every donor who gave to this effort has our deepest gratitude.

A number of our corporate partners, volunteers, clubs, and houses of worship also gave generously of their time, hard work, and skills to this project. They helped us renovate our new house and painted it from top to bottom. We thank all of them. We also had many friends, including the huge efforts of the Club of Hearts members, who bought countless



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items to furnish this new house; each purchase made this house into more of a home.

After many weeks and months of planning, hard work, and determination, the new house opened on August 1st! It had been transformed into a safe, cozy, welcoming home for women and children to live in while rebuilding their life. As we moved the first few women in, they expressed so much gratitude for the opportunity. They spoke of feeling safe and cared for. They mentioned wanting to advance at their jobs, to continue their education and to become stable enough to build a strong future for their children.

This new Stage II home is just the most recent example of the many ways in which Lake County Haven is providing a new future for women and children in crisis. We thank all of you for the support you have already provided in this effort. We hope you will continue to partner with us in the future. Together, we can give hope, help, and a new beginning to women and children who so desperately need it.



# OUTCOMES

#### SHELTER

- Provides warmth, comfort, safety, and a family environment
- ▼ Typical length of stay is 4-6 months
- Two shelters located in Libertyville, IL
- Provided 6,775 nights of shelter in 2024
- 97% capacity rate

#### HOUSING

- Provides safety, structure, services, and the next step toward independent living
- Typical length of stay is 1 year
- All sites located in Libertyville, IL
- Provided 5,602 nights of housing in 2024
- 104% capacity rate



# HOPE HOUSE

#### DAY PROGRAM

- ▼ 7 days per week, 5-6 hours per day
- Classes and therapeutic groups
- Designed to prepare people for independence

# RENEWAL HOUSE



### A C H I E V E M E N T S O F R E S I D E N T S

- ▼ 100% learned to manage finances
- ▼ 79% increased income
- ♥ 69% gained employment
- 74% opened and managed a bank account
- ♥ 72% saved a nest egg
- 83% achieved safe, stable, independent living

#### A C H I E V E M E N T S O F A G E N C Y

- 27,100 meals provided
- 12,377 nights of shelter and housing provided
- 24,125 hours of counseling, case management, advocacy, and group services provided
- Countless amounts of groceries, clothing, furniture, and necessities of life provided

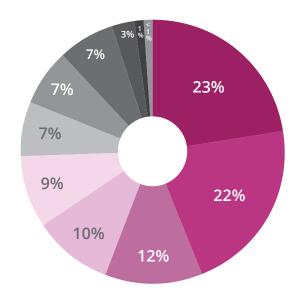
# FUNDING

### HOW FUNDING IS USED

SHELTER PROGRAM	\$ 1,276,094
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM	\$ 301,387
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 129,170
FUNDRAISING	\$ 161,772
TOTAL	\$ 1,868,423



# WHERE FUNDING COMES FROM



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