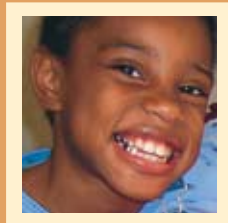


# ICH

INTERFAITH COUNCIL  
FOR THE HOMELESS



## 2005 Annual Report

## United in faith to end homelessness in Chicago.

Over the course of a year, 166,000<sup>1</sup> people find themselves homeless in metro Chicago—many of which are families. Most times, these men, women and children have become homeless due to circumstances beyond their control, such as domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, loss of a job, substance abuse or being released from a hospital, prison or mental facility with nowhere to go. Bouncing from shelter to shelter, these individuals become victims, lost in a system with no real hope of regaining stability. And often times, this cycle of poverty repeats itself in the next generation.

At the Interfaith Council for the Homeless (ICH), we know it doesn't have to be this way. And we're doing something about it.

By embracing a revolutionary model of care, we're committed to breaking this cycle of homelessness through advocacy, support and education. We know that this commitment must extend far beyond providing a hot meal and a temporary warm bed. That's why we work to give homeless individuals and families the resources and empowerment they need to sustain permanent housing and flourish in their communities.

This year, many of our city's homeless have had the opportunity to regain their independence and self-sufficiency because of faith communities, organizations, individuals just like you. But, we need this same generous support to continue to make a difference.

### Together, we can break the cycle of homelessness.

<sup>1</sup>University of Illinois at Chicago, For Rent: Housing Options in the Chicago Rent, Nov. 1999.

## Letter from the President of the Board

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to share my first message as Board President for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless. The history of the ICH is a complex woven tapestry of people's lives, dreams, talents and expectations. I am deeply honored to lead the Board in an effort to empower the city's homeless and provide them with a permanent living solution.

Looking back, 2005 was indeed a landmark year for ICH. Sanctuary Place and Housing First both saw success in maintaining permanent housing for families and individuals. In the coming year, we also look forward to the success of our new initiative, Interfaith Homes. The goal of this new program is to involve congregations of all faiths to adopt homeless families and help them regain a stable living environment. We're very optimistic as this model has been successful in other communities.

In this past year, we also bid farewell to the Rev. Dr. John Hobbs, our Executive Director, as he was called to serve a parish. After an extensive search, Bill Johnson was chosen to fill this position. Bill offers a great deal of expertise and we look forward to his leadership.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation to the Board of Directors. A chairperson can only be as effective as the board one chairs. It is also extremely important on behalf of myself and the Board to thank and praise our highly trained, dedicated, and professional staff, who work so diligently day in and day out to fulfill the mission of ICH. They are simply the best.

### Renee Lepp

: President of the Board

## Letter from the Executive Director



I am honored to be writing my first message to you, our friends, supporters and allies in the fight to end homelessness. I am grateful to the Board of Directors for giving me this opportunity to lead the agency.

It is with much excitement that I look forward to the work of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless. The staff and the agency have embraced Chicago's new model of service delivery for the homeless. This new model places value on the stability of housing and provides an environment where individuals can effectively move toward employment and self-sufficiency. Over the past year, we provided social services that supported 26 families and 63 women in retaining permanent housing units, while moving them toward a point of sustainable life. After three years in our Housing First program and two full years at Sanctuary Place, we have over a 90% success rate. These are truly remarkable results.

As we reflect on the past, we need to stop and say thank you to our past leaders. It is through the hard work and tireless energy of people like Buzz Hargleroad and John Hobbs that have made us who we are today. They had the vision and flexibility to adapt to the changing times, when ICH had to reinvent itself to continue serving the city's homeless.

I'd like to thank the staff of ICH. We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated, competent, and professional staff. And lastly, I'd like to thank the Board of Directors, the philanthropic community, the government funders, and the many individuals, who have contributed to the success of our serving people who are homeless.

### William H. Johnson

: Executive Director

## Letter from the Director of Case Management Services



I believe the best analogy for ICH's case management services is that of a coach and a team. Our staff strives to act as teachers and motivators for our community of residents. Unlike managed care models, we never set a time clock for improvement. As long as our residents continue to show progress and the will to persevere, we work alongside them as their advocates.

As "life coaches," our case managers work with each resident to determine how they can become better equipped to succeed by objectively analyzing their strengths and weaknesses. Together, we develop a life plan with educational, employment and rehabilitative objectives. The model is successful because it empowers residents to exercise new skills and gives case managers an opportunity to intervene if progress is halted. As a result of this approach, residents develop life skills that will ultimately benefit themselves, their families and their communities.

After a resident meets his or her goals, case managers still continue to coach him or her along the path to greater self-sufficiency through referrals to partnered organizations and workshops. We also believe in recognizing and celebrating personal victories at every turn. And even if a resident falls out of compliance with his or her life plan, we compassionately confront them and work together to get back on track with self-determination.

I can't tell you how proud I am of our residents and the progress each has made in the last year. I'm grateful to all of the organizations that support and believe in the mission of ICH. In the coming year, I only hope to partner with more organizations that strive to help train and employ those with criminal backgrounds. It is because of these steadfast programs that our residents are able to get the exceptional opportunities they need to succeed.

### Cozzetta Uwejyan, MA, CADC

: Director of Case Management Services

## Sanctuary Place **A Community of Empowerment**

Located at 642 N. Kedzie Ave., Sanctuary Place provides housing to 63 women and six families. This modern campus provides much more than shelter to its residents—it offers empowerment and a community of support. Through a comprehensive program of case management, social services, and health care, we help our residents regain independence by giving them the skills and tools they need to thrive and flourish.

This program began in 2003, but in this short time, we have seen significant progress. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, we saw these incredible results:

- **85% of our individuals remained housed.**
- **100% of our families remained housed.**
- **100% of new individuals and families were assessed for benefits and entitlement and received the necessary referrals to secure these entitlements.**
- **132 referrals were made for mainstream services.**
- **One-third of the families increased their income level.**
- **29% of single occupancy residents increased their income level.**
- **100% of residents received annual medical screenings. Twenty-six individuals in need of additional medical attention were appropriately referred.**
- **3,747 individual case management contacts were made.**
- **123 AA and NA groups were provided.**
- **Four women were successfully reunited with their children.**

### Testimony from a current Sanctuary Place resident:

“My name is Joan\* and I’m a ex-heroin addict who has been incarcerated on numerous occasions due to my drug addiction. I’ve always felt alone and unloved. I was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and served three years and eight months of this sentence. When I was released, I became homeless. The Interfaith Council for the Homeless are people who really care. I never felt loved by a total stranger until I met this staff. They’re very genuine in their care and helping clients stay drug-free. These people are sincere in helping all residents stay focused. I am now a student at Malcolm X College and I work part time.”

*\* Name has been changed*



## Housing First **A lasting solution to homelessness**

Housing First is a program that provides family housing in various locations across the city’s south and west sides. With the collaborative support of property owners and an interdisciplinary team of mental health specialists, case managers, and a nurse practitioner, this program provides housing and support services for 20 families. ICH gives these families access to medical, employment, educational, and financial services, so that they can stay housed and independent.

In 2005, Housing First achieved incredible growth and success. The program accomplished the following:

- **A network of 20 rental subsidies were secured for the program’s utilization.**
- **A total of 21 rental subsidies were provided.**
- **100% of the families increased their independent living skills.**
- **100% of the families remained housed.**
- **More than \$14,000 was raised for the families’ utility bills, rent, nutritional needs, and move-in expenses.**
- **843 case management contacts were made.**
- **The case managers and nurse practitioner made more than 100 referrals.**
- **Through case management contacts, the families received linkages and referrals to overcome barriers to resources. Approximately \$11,500 in food coupons and \$2,400 in CTA passes were distributed to the families.**
- **Case managers provided 509 visits and the nurse practitioner provided 79.**
- **The nurse practitioner made 22 medical referrals and the case managers made 78 referrals to support and medical services. The nurse provided nutritional education to 96 people.**
- **The nurse monitored the immunization status of 39 school-aged children.**

## Interfaith Homes **Faith communities united in compassion**



In August 2005, we launched a new permanent housing initiative—Interfaith Homes.

Funded by the City of Chicago’s Department of Housing, the goal of our third housing program is to recruit and support faith communities in sponsoring a homeless family for up to one year. Through this collaborative effort, the faith community and ICH work toward the common goal of keeping the family permanently housed. ICH provides professional case management to the homeless family while providing technical assistance to the participating church, temple or mosque community.

The faith community may provide the following support:

- **Move-in services**
- **Household goods donations**
- **Kitchen supply donations**
- **Rent assistance**
- **Utility deposits**
- **Rental security deposits**
- **Other support efforts**

**To get your faith community involved in this breakthrough initiative or for more information, contact the Rev. Mark W. Wendorf by calling 312.455.3125 or e-mailing [mark@ichchicago.org](mailto:mark@ichchicago.org).**

## Fiscal Year 2005 Financial Summary

This information summarizes the financial activities of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless for the period of July 2004 through June 2005. It was abstracted from the organization's June 30, 2005 financial statements, which are audited by Osher and Associates, Certified Public Accountants. Because the information does not include all of the disclosures generally required by generally accepted accounting principals, it is not intended to present our financial condition or our operational results. A copy of the audited financial statement will be provided upon request.

### Operating Revenues

<b>Public Support:</b>	Contributions	\$205,081
	Government Grants	420,629
	Donated Services	3,325
	Special Events	4,001
	<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$633,036</b>
<b>Other Revenue:</b>	Operations	\$71,046
	Interest Income	543
	Miscellaneous Income	500
	<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$72,089</b>
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$705,125</b>

### Expenses

<b>Program Services:</b>	Program Services	\$653,982
Supporting Services:	Management and General	33,817
	Fundraising	21,831
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$709,630</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$32,345
	End of Fiscal Year	\$27,840
	Change in Net Assets	(4,505)

### Financial Position

Total Assets	\$82,060
Total Liabilities	\$54,220
Net Assets	\$27,840

You can help break the cycle of homelessness.

**By donating to the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, you can help provide more than just a short-term safe haven for the homeless of Chicago. You have the power to change the lives of so many men, women, and children by giving them a permanent, stable living environment—a place to call home.**

You can make a difference.

Donate today by calling 773.265.1207 or e-mailing [bill@ichchicago.org](mailto:bill@ichchicago.org).

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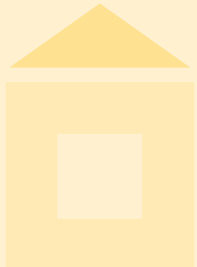
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