



Invitation for Corporate Partnership

Women's Luncheon
Friday, October 13, 2017
Embassy Suites- Naperville

OUR MISSION

Hearts of Grace, the women's network of Outreach Community Ministries, welcomes faith-filled women committed to "helping vulnerable women and their families in DuPage County through financial and prayer support and acts of service."

YOUR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Corporate Sponsorships provide immediate support for women and families through holistic programs at Outreach. Services include transitional housing, counseling, crisis intervention, case management, life skills, development and affordable after-school and summer programs for children, all in the context of Christian community.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

At this year's luncheon, more than 400 women are expected to gather for an inspiring time of informative messages, updates from former program participants, lively music and an impressive raffle. Guests will hear an inspiring message from speaker Lisa Beamer, a Wheaton College graduate, who resides in New Jersey and works in a low-income community to promote stable housing for individuals and families in need. Lisa is a mother of three and is the widow of Todd Beamer, a victim of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Since 1993, Hearts of Grace has welcomed thousands of women to this annual highlight and has raised more than \$3 million for its "women helping women" mission. Having captured the hearts and minds of women in all areas of leadership, each year people in the business and faith communities gather to signal their support of these vital programs.





VANESSA'S STORY

At a young age, Vanessa found she was pregnant with her son, Kelso, and at the time Vanessa didn't have a safe place to call home.

Without childcare available to her or reliable transportation, Vanessa was unable to acquire a job and support her family of two. Facing homelessness, Vanessa turned to shelters and alternative housing, where she was referred to Outreach. Once Vanessa connected with Outreach staff, she quickly moved into Jubilee Village, where she could raise her son in a safe and comfortable environment.

Shortly after moving into Jubilee Village, Vanessa enrolled in Outreach's Employment Opportunity Program. New to the program, Vanessa started working at Jubilee Furniture, learning about consignment store operations. In addition to working at Jubilee Furniture, Vanessa was also enrolled in career courses, a program requirement, where she learned the basics of beginning a career from writing a resume and cover letter to filling out an application and interviewing for a job.

To help her succeed in the workplace, Vanessa was paired up with Poised for Success, a nonprofit organization that provides business clothes to young women in the Chicagoland area at no charge. There, Vanessa could choose her favorite outfits that would help her confidently land a great job. "It was great, I got a few business suits and a portfolio," said Vanessa.

The Employment Opportunity Program paired Vanessa with her case manager, Alaina—who encourages Vanessa in her career goals and transports her to and from her job.

Vanessa is currently working in the HR department at KeHE and is studying to become a biomedical engineer.

OUR VISION

Outreach Community Ministries' vision for transitional housing allows teenagers and young adults in DuPage County who become homeless, for whatever reason, to receive the social, educational and spiritual support they need to successfully transition to independence.

The Transitions program provides housing in private and group foster care settings for young people ages 17-21 who are homeless. Intensive support services are also provided. Capacity in the Transitions program is 8-9 students with expansion to 15 students in the future.

Jubilee Village provides transitional housing for young single mothers who are homeless. Current capacity at Jubilee Village is 17 families in Phase I (transitional housing) and five families in Phase II (supportive housing).

Both facilities are staffed by foster parents, house parents and/or resident assistants who reside on-site to model healthy family life and provide spiritual guidance. All residents work with case managers on specific, personalized goals to develop the life skills necessary to successfully transition to independence.

The Hearts of Grace Women's Luncheon raises vital funds that provide life-changing opportunities for suburban young people who are vulnerable. It underwrites safety, security and stability for those who are homeless and provides access to educational and career opportunities for those who must overcome academic liabilities, poverty or instability at home.

OUTCOMES

Transformation happens in the lives of the women who participate in Outreach's transitional housing centers. In FY2017:

- 365 young people called seeking a place to stay.
- Formerly homeless young women and children received a combined total of 10,466 days of safe housing.
- Seven at-risk young women participated in the Transitions program.
- Twenty-one young mothers received wrap-around residential support at Jubilee Village.

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Presenting Partner | \$10,000

- Exclusive designation as **Presenting Partner** in the event program, slide show, website
- On stage corporate banner
- Ten complimentary reservations seated with featured speaker
- Gratis Corporate Partnership at Outreach Community Center Spring Dinner
- Invitation to Outreach Fall Leadership Dinner
- Corporate promotional opportunity at luncheon
- Table signage reflecting corporate name
- Company name mentioned in OCM e-newsletter
- 10 Premium Raffle tickets

Hearts of Grace Leadership Partner | \$5,000

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- Invitation to Outreach Fall Leadership Dinner
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Corporate Sponsorship | \$2,500

- Corporate Sponsorship recognition in the event program, slide show and website
- Corporate recognition on banner at entry and exit to venue
- Ten complimentary reservations
- Invitation to Christmas Breakfast at Chicago Golf Club
- Table signage reflecting corporate name
- Corporate promotional opportunity at luncheon
- 5 Premium Raffle tickets
- Company name mentioned in OCM e-newsletter

Hearts of Grace Event Partner | \$1,000

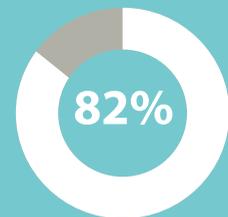
- Hearts of Grace Event Partners are recognized in the event program, slide show and website
- Five complimentary reservations
- 5 Premium Raffle Tickets

Corporate Table Sponsorship | \$500

- Corporate Table Sponsors are recognized in the event program, slide show and website
- Invitation to Christmas Breakfast at Chicago Golf Club
- Two complimentary reservations



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82%
Of Hearts of Grace followers are women



100%
Of Hearts of Grace followers are between the ages of 25 and 65+



300 women attended the Hearts of Grace Women's Luncheon last year



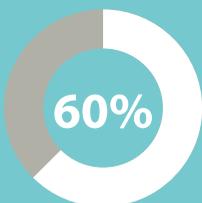
The waiting list for DuPage Housing Vouchers is typically 5-7 years.



Each year, more than 6,000 families in communities where Outreach serves face an unexpected crisis that places their housing and employment at risk.



Outreach estimates 200+ additional transitional housing beds are needed for all age groups. 100 more beds are needed for young adults ages 17-25.



Many families with modest incomes routinely pay more than 60% of their monthly take-home income in rent.



GISELLE'S STORY

For the typical Outreach transitional housing resident, the hardest thing to adjust to is the rules. But not for Giselle. "It's nice to have security and stability, and have others guide you to the right choices. Especially with us having kids, I think it's important for us to focus on their needs and not so much the wants we have. It's difficult, but it is what's best for the future of our kids. I want Isabella to grow up with structure and rules."

Giselle grew up primarily in Wheaton, attending Lincoln Elementary, Edison Middle and Wheaton North schools. During her senior year of high school, Giselle discovered she was pregnant. Teen Parent Connection offered her support throughout the pregnancy, then referred her to Jubilee Village. "At the time, Isabella's dad and I were broken up, so I was struggling dealing with that. I was living with my mom and her boyfriend in West Chicago. There's just a lot of people there and not all of them are a good example for Isabella. It's not the life that I want her to see. I want her to grow up in a good environment."

Since moving into Jubilee Village, Giselle has quickly accelerated through the two-year program. As with most residents, Giselle started in a three-bedroom unit with a roommate. Because she's been able to meet her goals and follow program guidelines, she's now in a roommate-free, two-bedroom apartment—her first time living alone. "So it's nice. We're trying to transition Isabella into her own bed. It's a little difficult—she's very stubborn. This is the first time I can really try to raise her by myself."

Jubilee Village is more than just a place to live, however. Giselle meets weekly with Jana, her house parent, as well as with Holly Points, her case manager. "Holly helps me with my finances and just if I need help with school, help doing the FAFSA, with anything, really. They also help me with any court stuff I have going on with Isabella's dad."

This structured environment is allowing Giselle to create a new future for herself and her daughter. She is working in the cafeteria at the DuPage County Courthouse and while she once dreamed of becoming a sheriff, her work sparked a new passion for cooking. Now, Giselle is taking culinary classes at College of DuPage and plans to graduate in two years. She's focused on learning the basics right now, but says she loves making Mexican food—especially tamales—and hopes to bring her heritage into her cooking.

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The activities and services of Outreach reflect our philosophy of ministry that includes neighborhood and community-based locations; a concern for the whole person-- mind, body and spirit; relationships based on integrity and mutual respect; and a desire to equip people to reach their God-given potential.

Outreach serves all residents in DuPage County without regard for their income. Participation in certain activities and services may be restricted by age, gender and capacity due to a programs' specific purposes and goals.

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