

There's No Place Like H.O.M.E

Annual Report 2017
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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to share with you the many ways you have made it possible for H.O.M.E. to continue serving Chicago's lowest-income seniors for another year. The theme of our Annual Celebration Dinner and this Annual Report is, "there's no place like H.O.M.E."

If you are a fan of the Wizard of Oz, you know immediately that phrase comes from the movie when Dorothy clicks her ruby slippers and wakes up in bed at home, surrounded by her family, friends, and little dog Toto. Though they call her tales of Oz just a dream, she vows that it happened, and that there is no place like home.

Like Dorothy, we know that most older adults want to stay in their own homes as long as they are able. And because of donors like you, H.O.M.E. can help them to do that.

We think that, as one of our good friends said recently, the theme of no place like H.O.M.E. underscores "the magic that is H.O.M.E. for the people who live there." There is also a bit of magic for the seniors who move to a new apartment, get their furnace repaired on a cold winter day, or go shopping at the grocery store—all because of programs you support.

You make the magic happen through your financial support, volunteer activities, and sharing our story with your family, friends, and colleagues.

I hope as you read this report you will be encouraged by what you have enabled us to do.

Joel W. Rice

President of the Board

Bruce A. Otto

Executive Director



Meet Velma

Velma is a 96-year-old woman who uses H.O.M.E.'s Shopping Bus to get to the grocery store to buy fresh, affordable food.

Our Shopping Bus helps seniors living in affordable senior buildings throughout Chicago. Our bus driver Ernest is beloved by riders who he helps to get from their residence to grocery stores where they can shop for groceries, medication, and household items.

Velma loves this program, and Ernest. She says, "I'm not too steady on my feet so one day I asked Ernest to help me [around the store] and he's helped me ever since."

While accompanying someone around a store may not seem like a big deal to you or me, it's just that kind of help that makes a big difference in seniors' quality of life and ability to be independent.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository found older adults often report being unable to carry home heavy items like meat, produce, and milk, and instead bought fewer foods or less nutritious foods based on its weight. This can lead to senior hunger and malnutrition.

Velma is so grateful that Ernest goes above and beyond to help her stay healthy and independent.

Another rider once told us, "There are a lot of ways I could get to the grocery store but that is all I get—a ride. Ernest cares about us. He helps us on and off the bus. Ernest comes in the store with us to see if we are doing ok. He loads our groceries on the bus for us and then when we get home he carries them into the building for us. I asked the driver of another bus service to do that for me and he said, 'That's not my job.'"

Because of donations from people like you, that extra effort from Ernest is possible.

It's a BIG help to seniors!

Thanks to you, low-income seniors in Chicago have:



Fresh food:

The Shopping Bus program provided 2,478 shopping trips to grocery stores and pharmacies.



Safe homes:

The Upkeep and Repair Program performed 716 repairs in 100 low-income senior households.



Community:

The Intergenerational Housing Program provided affordable housing to 69 seniors, 11 children, and 30 young adults.

Welcoming LGBT Seniors at H.O.M.E.: With support from the LGBT Community Fund at The Chicago Community Trust, we took steps this year to ensure that we provide quality services that meet the needs of all seniors.



Peace of mind:

The Moving Program provided holistic moving assistance for 53 low-income seniors.

Your donations help seniors access our affordable services. Affordable housing, access to healthy food, and safe homes lead to healthier people and communities.



You changed lives. You made a difference.

Connections

Did you know that social isolation can affect your health as much as smoking 15 cigarettes per day? Seventeen percent of older adults are isolated, and 51 percent of older adults live alone and are at risk of being isolated.

But aging doesn't have to mean being isolated! Here are a few ways you helped seniors stay connected this year:

Volunteers

488 volunteers lent a helping hand to seniors. Here's some of what they accomplished:

- 32 senior homeowners had drafty windows covered so that they could stay warm in Chicago's cold winter months
- 13 senior homeowners had freshly painted walls that made their homes more comfortable and inviting to guests
- 39 family-style meals were served to 20 seniors living in Good Life Senior Residences
- 69 seniors enjoyed group activities and well-kept buildings thanks to spring cleaning and yard work

World-Horizon

This year we partnered with World-Horizon, a German-based organization that places volunteers with nonprofits in the U.S. Konrad served as a Resident Assistant and Volunteer Liaison at Pat Crowley House. Here's what he had to say about his experience, "All of the different people I've met are things that I will take back home and that I will remember from my time here. Each senior has left a little mark on me and I hope I did the same throughout the time I've been at H.O.M.E."

"I feel like I'm with my son, even though I could be his grandmother."

-Joan, a senior resident

Intergenerational friendships

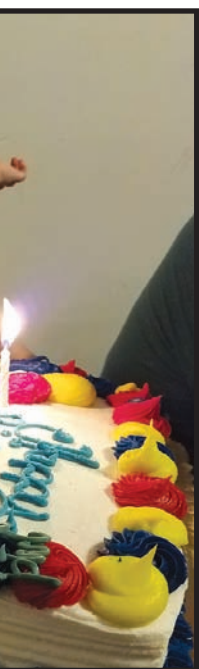
Our housing model is special. Not only is it affordable for seniors who are living on very low-incomes, but it is also intergenerational. That means that young adults and families with children live in our buildings, too.

We're the only organization that is building an intentional community for people ages 2 to 92. In this community, seniors are teachers as well as learners, young adults help out, and families add liveliness. We believe generational diversity changes people's lives.

We've been doing it for 35 years. And it works.

"Even the residents who never want to smile just light up around the kids. They bring so much joy."

-Nikki, Good Life Coordinator



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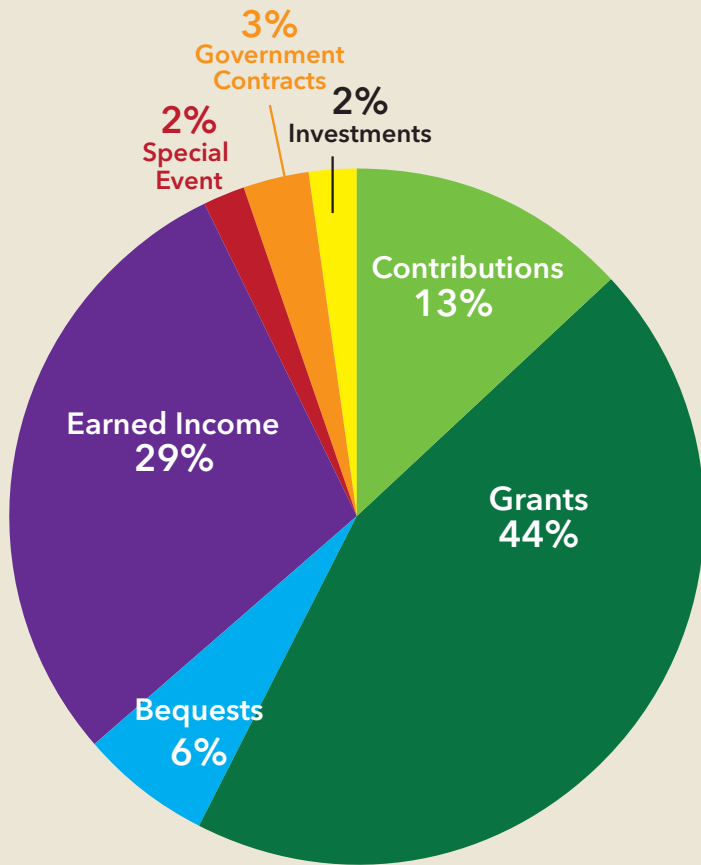
Thanks to an \$810,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program, residents at Nathalie Salmon House are enjoying newly restored bathrooms and kitchens, along with new furniture and refurbished community spaces throughout the building. One senior, Carolyn, told us, "It was already beautiful, but now it looks even better."

Seniors are riding in comfort and style in our brand new bus! **Thanks to donors to the Vehicle Fund and The Gerald A. and Karen A. Kolschowsky Foundation** for your support.

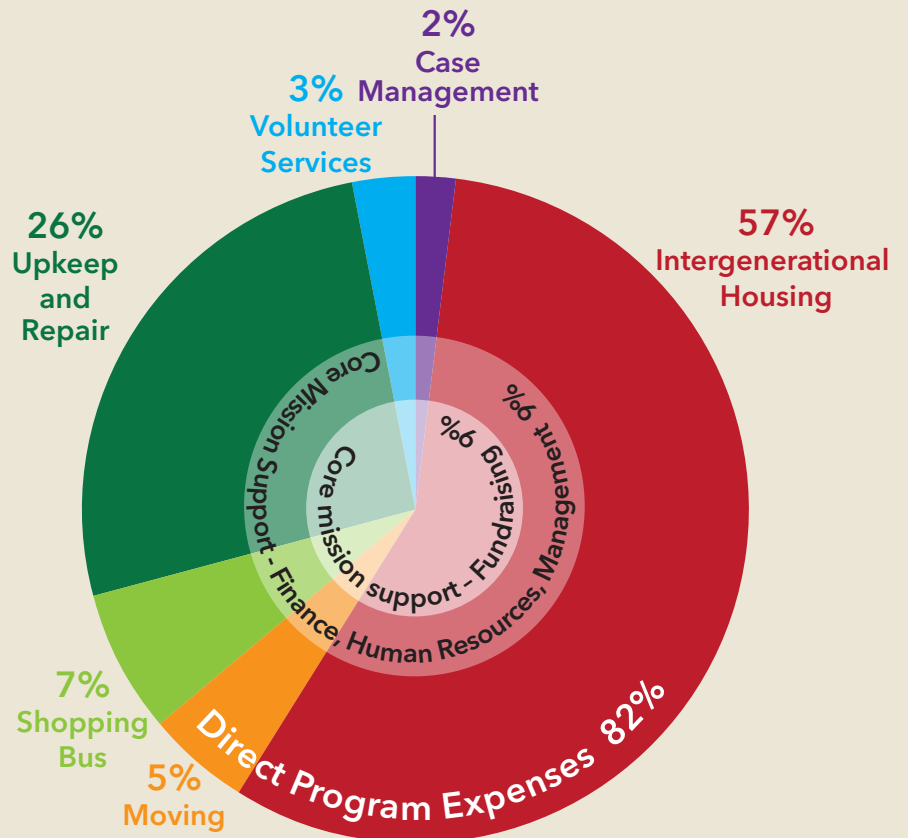


Financial Overview

Total Revenues
\$2,556,612



Total Expenses
\$1,827,259



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Our Mission

Committed to improving the quality of life for Chicago's low-income elderly, H.O.M.E. helps seniors remain independent and part of their community by offering opportunities for intergenerational living and by providing a variety of citywide support services.



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