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2015

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Dear friends,

We are very proud and excited to send you this annual report. For over 30 years H.O.M.E. has helped low-income older adults to live where they wish so that they may live out their lives with as much independence and dignity as possible. Our array of services is unique in the City of Chicago and, probably in the entire United States. For many of our clients, we are their last hope. No one else has been able to help them—but we have. Your personal investment in our mission has made all the difference.

Did you know that the number of elderly people in the US is growing at the rate of 10,000 per day? And, the number of poor elderly is growing too. By 2020, 24 percent of all elderly households in Chicago will earn less than \$15,000 per year. As a result, the need for all of our services is growing and our waiting lists are getting longer.

Let us share some of the highlights of the year:

- The best thing to highlight is always what our clients tell us. One woman who we helped move said, **“You saved my life.”** A client helped by our Upkeep and Repair Program said, “We now have hot water to take showers and baths every day!” A woman who rides our Shopping Bus said, “You are a life-line.”
- In 2009 we applied for a weatherization grant from Community and Economic Development of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA). The \$261,000 grant was approved last spring and resulted in a new heating and cooling system and the installation of energy saving light fixtures throughout Nathalie Salmon House. **Now our 20 year old building has a more reliable system and we will save on energy costs.**
- We ended the fiscal year in the strongest position in years. You can see the breakdown of our revenue sources later in this report. **Please take note of how important donations from individuals like you are to us, but most of all to the seniors we serve.**
- On September 2, Bruce joined a group of our residents for a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. It was his first Cubs game ever and it was also the first game for our youngest resident Ethan who was 12 months at the time. **These types of outings for our residents take place throughout the year and thanks to a new handicap accessible van, all of our residents can participate.**

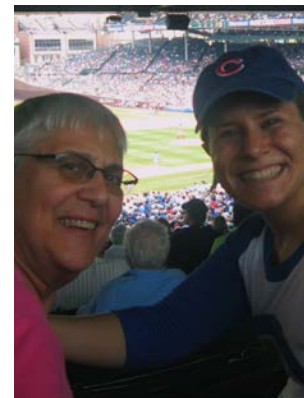
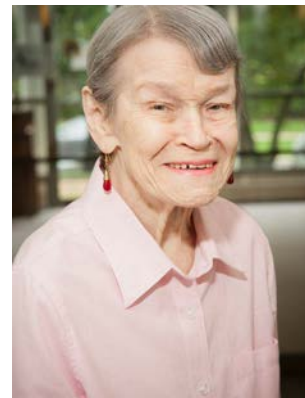
Of course none of this would be possible if it weren't for hundreds of donors, just like you, who provide the support we need. As you read this report I hope you will feel as proud as I do of what you have helped us accomplish.



Bruce A. Otto
Executive Director



Pamela S. Gecan
Board President



Meet Marijo. "It's been a great year."

"I can do things. I can keep up with things like my health, my family, my room. My self."

Marijo says that 2015 was an exciting year. This year one of her daughters got married. All three of her children, their spouses, and her beloved grandson were together at Thanksgiving. And to top it off, she found a new place to live at the Good Life Senior Residences. She's H.O.M.E.

Prior to moving into Good Life Senior Residences, Marijo worked at a retirement home where she was offered room and board. When she had to have surgery and was no longer able to work, she moved into a homeless shelter where she lived for just under a year. She was struggling with depression and various other health conditions. She wanted to live on her own, but she knew that she couldn't manage everything that was going on in her life without a little help.

Her daughter helped her search for a place that she could afford. That's when they found the Good Life Senior Residences at H.O.M.E., a place where she would have privacy when she wanted it and assistance when she needed it. She tells us, "You only have to see it once and fall in love."

With a little support, Marijo gets to her doctors' appointments when she needs check-ups, gets her medications at a nearby pharmacy, and is able to manage her Medicare and social security paperwork. Since meals are provided and Resident Assistants help clean common areas, she only has to worry about housekeeping in her own room which she says is manageable.

She enjoys eating family-style with other members of her new community in the Good Life Senior Residences. She says they laugh a lot, and she loves spending time with the younger residents of the building. She asks, "Do you know Ethan?" Ethan is the one-year-old who lives a few floors down from her.

Her doctors tell her that she's made a lot of progress managing her health recently, and Marijo credits her new home with helping her do that. The best part, though, is that because she doesn't have to worry anymore about falling behind with her health, bills, and meals, she has time to do more of what she loves best—she calls her children, the joy of her life, as often as she can.

"That's why I love it here. They help me keep my things going."



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & EXPENSES

Volunteer
3%

**Intergenerational
Housing**
58%

Percent of expenses by
program

Upkeep & Repair
29%

Moving
4%

Shopping Bus
6%

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**made
a difference.**

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Because of you, 80 people ages 9 months to 91 years old had a warm place to call home.

Thanks to you, 166 senior households are safer because of repairs made and 34 seniors moved to their new homes.

With your support, 3,572 trips to the grocery store were made possible for seniors living in food deserts or with limited mobility.



You helped H.O.M.E. provide essential services to seniors in Chicago.

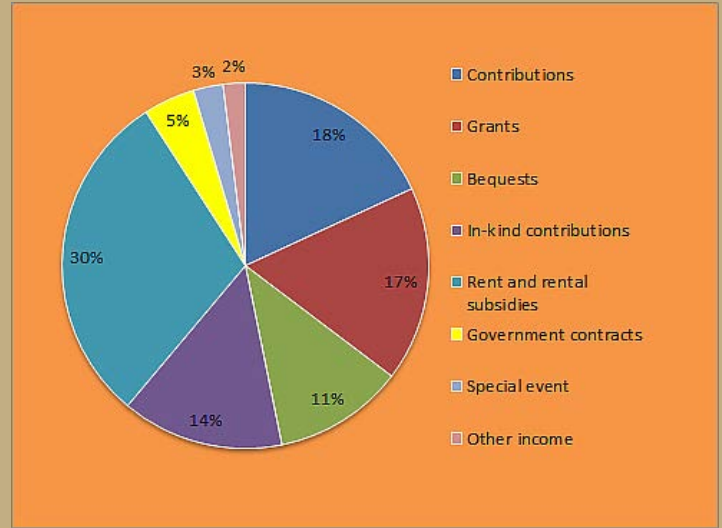
Over 1,000 individual, corporate, and foundation donors helped keep seniors independent, safe, and healthy as involved members in their own communities.

Thank you!

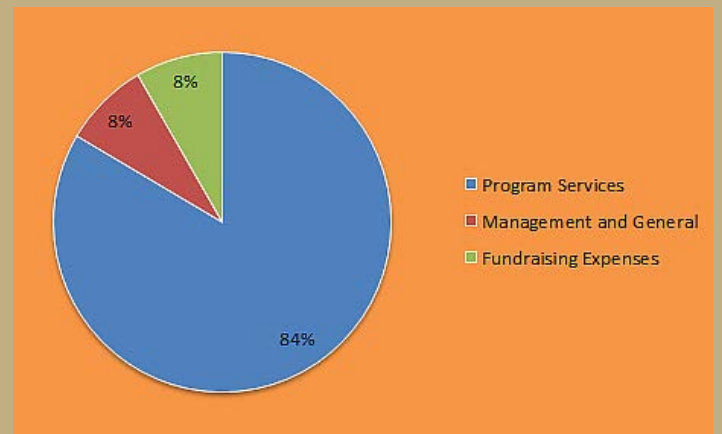


Audited Financials

Revenues	
Contributions	\$ 375,230
Grants	\$ 357,500
Bequests	\$ 238,281
In-kind contributions	\$ 296,660
Rent and rental subsidies	\$ 617,544
Government contracts	\$ 94,436
Investment income, including loss from joint venture	\$ (22,289)
Special event income, net costs of \$31,409	\$ 54,270
Other income	\$ 62,756
Total revenue	\$ 2,074,388



Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 1,429,805
Management and General	\$ 140,198
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 142,186
Total Expenses	\$ 1,712,189



Net Assets	
Beginning of year	\$ 786,477
End of year	\$ 1,148,676



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H.O.M.E. partnered with CEDA to make \$261,000 in repairs to Nathalie Salmon and Pat Crowley Houses.



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Mission Statement

H.O.M.E. helps low-income seniors in Chicago maintain their independence by providing home upkeep and repair, a shopping bus, moving assistance, and three affordable, intergenerational buildings.

