



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

07.01.22 - 06.30.23



HESED HOUSE

“And what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice and to love **Hesed** (mercy and compassion)
and to walk humbly with your God.”

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A MESSAGE FROM JOE

In the last year, Hesed House encountered unprecedented challenges, but we also discovered unparalleled strength within our community. As I reflect on the year, my primary message is one of profound gratitude for the existence of Hesed House and the tireless efforts and unwavering support of our staff, donors, volunteers, and the entire community.

Throughout the year, the demand for our services soared and delays in our 680 S. River Street shelter expansion project posed unforeseen obstacles. Yet, our mission to provide food, clothing, shelter, and hope, to those facing homelessness remained steadfast. We persisted, thanks to you.

The resilience displayed by our Hesed family was nothing short of extraordinary. Their adaptability and dedication illuminated our path forward, shining a beacon of hope for those we serve.

Looking ahead, our commitment to ending homelessness remains unwavering. The completion of our shelter expansion project is on the horizon, and we are exploring new ways to address the root causes of homelessness in our community, including tackling the affordable housing crisis in our area.

Hesed House's continued existence is a testament to the collective spirit of compassion, empathy, and solidarity that defines our community. Your support sustains our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your belief in our work.

Thank you and God bless,



JOE JACKSON

Executive Director



HESED HOUSE STORY



In the early 1980s, religious leaders of six Aurora churches and other concerned citizens formed a grassroots coalition to shelter, feed, and clothe homeless individuals and families found walking the streets in adverse weather conditions. Rotating among the six church halls each night to provide a port in the storm for this struggling group, a core of volunteers prepared and served food at the churches – not just for the lone person who showed up the first night of shelter – but for the growing number of homeless who appeared at church doors each night.

Today, Hesed House is the second largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. Under usual circumstances, we utilize more than 7,500+ volunteers from over 90 area churches, businesses and service organizations to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness every year.

With the help of professional staff and alliances with outside agencies over 1,000 people are served through Hesed House's shelter and three housing programs annually.

HESED HOUSE MISSION & VISION:



Our **vision** is to end homelessness—
one person, one family at a time.

Our **mission** is to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, shelter the homeless,
and give people the chance to hope again.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Hesed House incorporates 8 ministries in offering food, shelter, case management and supportive services to hundreds of poor and homeless persons each day. Even throughout COVID-19, our work continued each day. We integrated street outreach over the summer months, to ensure that no one was hungry and alone.

We are pleased to share that the below programs continue to serve the vulnerable in our area:

SEEDS CASE MANAGEMENT

(Started in 2004) case managers work one-on-one with PADS OES guests, PADS FS guests, and The Harbor residents to help find solutions to issues hindering their return to self-sufficiency.

CARPENTER'S HOMELESS PREVENTION

(Began in 2010) focuses on homeless prevention, working to prevent those close to becoming homeless from turning that corner.

PADS FAMILY SHELTER

(FS) (Opened in 2018) provides 24/7 family-only space, allowing children and families to live separately from the single homeless adults staying at PADS Overnight Emergency Shelter.



LIGHT-HOUSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

(Started in 2007) addresses the needs of chronically homeless persons by helping them find apartments and by providing them with the case management and other supportive services needed to remain in the 60+ apartments throughout the Fox Valley area.

PADS AM

(...And More!) Daytime Drop-in Center (1986) offers daytime refuge and an opportunity for self-enhancement for more than 100 PADS guests.



PADS OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY SHELTER

(Opened in 1983) provides food and shelter to 160+ homeless individuals each night.

LEAP ADVOCACY

(Began in 1983) seeks justice for poor and homeless persons by involving volunteers and guests in addressing root causes of poverty and homelessness.

THE HARBOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

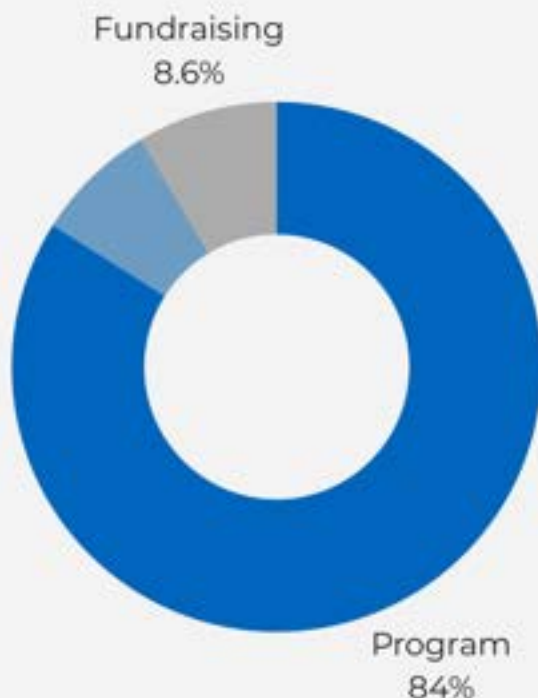
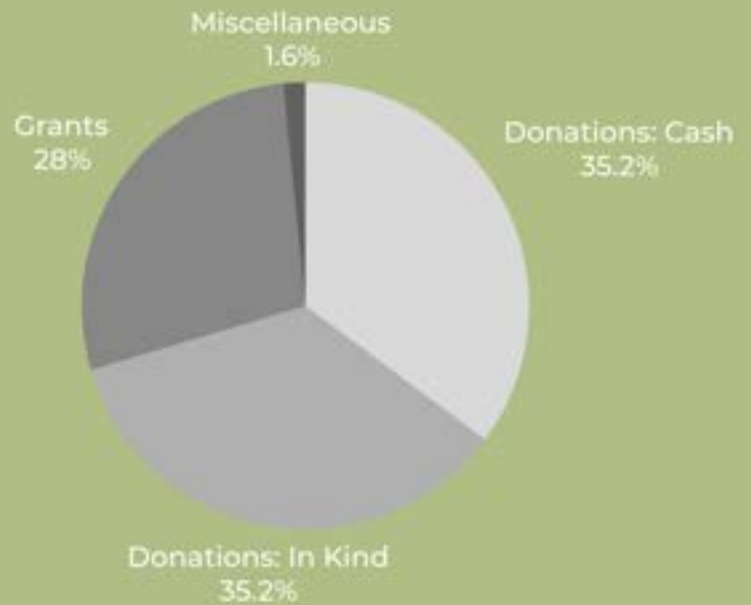
(Opened in 2018) provides on-site dorm-style apartments with 24 hour staff support for up to sixteen chronically homeless individuals with a disabling condition (i.e. substance abuse, mental illness, physical disabilities, etc.), many of whom are the greatest utilizers of community resources (police and fire/ambulance) and frequent non-emergency users of our local hospital emergency rooms.

FY23 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

INCOME

Category	FY23
Donations Cash	\$4,116,750
Donations In-Kind	\$4,118,339
Grants	\$3,279,001
Miscellaneous	\$186,122
TOTAL	\$11,700,212



EXPENSE

Category	FY23
Program	\$10,265,038
Administration	\$909,640
Fundraising	\$1,048,980
TOTAL	* \$ 12,223,658

*included capital expenses previously budgeted for

IMPACT SUMMARY

282,396

MEALS PROVIDED IN OUR EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

83

INDIVIDUALS WERE ASSISTED IN OBTAINING A JOB OR COMPLETED A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

143

INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED AT LIGHT-HOUSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

68,440

NIGHTS OF STAY IN OUR ADULT EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTERS.

168

HOUSEHOLDS AVOIDED BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE THROUGH OUR CARPENTER'S HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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158

INDIVIDUALS SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSED MEDICAL ISSUES.

25,692

NIGHTS OF STAY IN OUR FAMILY SHELTER.

174

INDIVIDUALS WERE DIRECTLY ASSISTED IN OBTAINING HOUSING.

YOUR IMPACT - HOPE & DIGNITY



In June of 2023, our Family Shelter held an end-of-the-year carnival for our families. Many children enjoyed activities like decorating t-shirts, delicious treats, and fun games. Volunteers helped make it an extra special event!



"Here we have a warm place to be and to sleep. It is not the same as sleeping in the streets."

Antonio, Hesed House Guest



In October of 2023, the Family Shelter celebrated its 5th anniversary! Throughout the years, Hesed House has met the growing needs of our community and the Family Shelter is a great example of a need being filled. Thank you to all who help care for our guests of all ages!

FY23 BOARD MEETING DATES

September 27, 2022

November 15, 2022

February 28, 2023

April 25, 2023

June 27, 2023



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FY2023 OFFICERS

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Member until his passing in February 2023



Above: Hesed House staff (not all staff was present) gather at the Annual Staff Picnic to celebrate the work of Hesed House and the accomplishments made throughout the year.

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THANK YOU! We are so thankful for the love and generosity of our donors, staff and volunteers. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Hesed House's Development Department at 630-914-6428 or donate@hesedhouse.org.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc., dba Hesed House is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Our EIN# is 36-3285644.



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