



Interfaith Housing Development Corporation

Pathfinders and Partners

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Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization that creates long-term, locally generated solutions to homelessness by serving as pathfinder, technical assistance provider and partner to neighborhood groups and organizations seeking to provide stable long-term housing and related services for very low-income people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Because IHDC joins in partnership with neighborhood groups with deep roots in the neighborhood, helping them to fulfill their aspirations of creating supportive housing and other facilities for their clients and neighbors IHDC ensures that the development will be relevant to the needs of those it serves, and also an asset to the community.

Since 1992, IHDC has created 12 developments in a variety of communities, producing over 500 units of supportive housing that 700 men, women and children now call home. More than half are family units, most for large families, and all were created to affordably house those earning below the Area Median Income.

Half of IHDC's developments to date were the result of new construction while the other half were complete renovations of vacant and abandoned structures. IHDC has overseen the work of general contractors and architects who have successfully designed and constructed both types of developments.

IHDC staff oversees the operations of all of its developments through third party property managers. Currently, IHDC oversees the management of 500 units with another 100 units coming on line in January 2011.

Upon completion of its developments, IHDC looks locally for the employees that operate its developments. IHDC's general contractors make every effort to hire locally and they attempt to make use of products and services that are locally-based.

IHDC only engages in developments on behalf of local community groups, typically social service agencies, local churches or other neighborhood organizations. IHDC never develops on its own in isolation of the local community.

In 2005, the Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards honored IHDC as the Non-Profit Neighborhood Development Group of the Year. The award was in recognition of our work in neighborhood development. IHDC was cited for its "courageous and successful vision for the most vulnerable in our society."

All of IHDC's buildings feature numerous green features such as; solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal heating and air conditioning systems. IHDC's "Sanctuary Place" development received Mayor Daley's GreenWorks Award as the 2004 Outstanding Residential Project as well as the 2004 Global Conservation Award from the Institute of Real Estate Management celebrating the building's utilization of green strategies, energy efficiency, and natural light to create a high performance building at low cost.

In addition to these overtly "green" features; IHDC prides itself on developing buildings with energy efficient windows and insulation that provide a tight building envelope that significantly reduces building operating costs.



Sankofa House, 4041 W. Roosevelt Rd. (2008) Fifty eight units of housing.



Coppin House, 333 E. 55th Place (2008) Fifty Four units of housing.



Casa Kirk, 3200 E. 92nd Street (2005) Twenty Nine units of housing.



Sanctuary Place, 642 N. Kedzie (2003) Sixty Nine units of housing.

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OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY

BRIEF HISTORY

The Housing Authority of the Village of Oak Park, commonly known as the Oak Park Housing Authority (OPHA), was established in 1946 as an Illinois Municipal Corporation. It is chartered under the Illinois Housing Authorities Act (310 ILCS 10).

The earliest mission of the OPHA was to provide a source of affordable rental housing for servicemen returning from World War II. Following the war, there was a severe shortage of rental housing in Oak Park that resulted in overcrowding in existing multi-family buildings and the conversion of formerly single-family homes into rooming homes. The OPHA attempted to address this housing shortage by constructing temporary Quonset houses on publicly owned land, including the public parks. These Quonset homes continued in use until the mid-1950's when the remaining structures were demolished.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, the community began to experience another housing crisis as the size of its elderly population began to increase and there were few affordable housing options available. After considerable public discussion, the OPHA applied to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding to construct a public housing building for the elderly. This 198-unit building, Mills Park Tower, was opened in 1975 and continues today to be one of the principal sources of quality, affordable rental housing for the Village's elderly and disabled population.

In the 1980's HUD developed a new Federal subsidy program to assist low-income families in affording the cost of rent in privately owned apartment buildings. This program, formerly known as the Section 8 Housing Program, provides a monthly rent subsidy to qualifying low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled so that they can afford to lease apartments in communities that would otherwise be closed to them because of the high cost of rent. Today, the Housing Choice Voucher Program (its new name) provides rent subsidies to approximately 500 families in Oak Park.

The OPHA is governed by a 7-member Board of Commissioners who are appointed by the Village President with the approval of the Village Trustees. All Housing Authority Commissioners are Oak Park residents who serve a five-year term without compensation. Administrative staffing for the OPHA is provided by the Oak Park Residence Corporation (OPRC) under a management services agreement. The Executive Director of the OPRC also serves as the Executive Director of the OPHA.

More detailed information about the Housing Authority can be found on its website: www.oakparkha.org.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO Fact Sheet

Catholic means “universal.” Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is truly universal in the way we care for the poor of our community. Catholic Charities is not just for Catholics: we serve anyone in need. Here are more facts about us:

Who are we? Helping people in need for more than 90 years, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is one of the largest private, not-for-profit social service agencies in the Midwest. We annually assist more than 1 million persons in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religious, ethnic or economic background.

What do we do? Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity by providing compassionate, competent, professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities. By providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and other services to those in need, we bring hope to the hopeless. Our clients can access a comprehensive network of services that range from food pantries to mental health counseling, affordable housing, senior services, and everything in between. Our goal is to help each client become as self-sufficient as possible.

Where are we? We operate 159 programs from 156 locations throughout Cook and Lake counties. We are headquartered in downtown Chicago, with additional regional offices in Des Plaines, South Holland, Worth, Waukegan and Cicero, that serve as hubs for our operations in the greater metropolitan area.

How do we do it? Our 2,500+ staff are well trained and dedicated to our mission. Catholic Charities also partners with more than 100 parishes in Cook and Lake counties to bring services into communities. In 2009, Catholic Charities was aided in its mission by more than 11,000 volunteers. We strive to be efficient: 92 cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to our programs.

Some of the ways Catholic Charities cared for the poor in 2009:

- Thousands of people received food, clothing, shelter, rent and utility assistance at our Emergency Assistance sites in Chicago, Cicero, Des Plaines, Worth, South Holland, Waukegan and Summit.
- Over 1,500 seniors lived safely, comfortably and affordably at our independent living apartment buildings. We also helped thousands of seniors stay safely in their homes by providing home delivered meals and housekeeping services.
- Catholic Charities provided the equivalent of 5,655,329 meals to a total of 414,175 clients through a variety of programs that reduce food insecurity and improve nutrition. These programs included: WIC (Women, Infants and Children), meals for seniors, MAC (Mothers and Children), suppers for the homeless, and meals served at our child care centers.



Service Categories

Adoption
Child Development
Counseling
Domestic Violence
Emergency Assistance
Health Care
Homelessness
HIV/AIDS Awareness
Immigration/Naturalization
Legal
Maternity/Pregnancy
Nutrition
Refugee Resettlement
Senior Services
Senior Housing
Substance Abuse
Veterans Services

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THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life.

In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values: Respect, Compassion, Competence and Stewardship.