Tawnee was determined to provide a stable home for her young son. While working a low-wage job, she enrolled in a job training program at Emergency Fund partner, the Jane Addams Resource Corporation, in which she began learning to become a welder. Tawnee’s limited income proved to be a challenge when unexpectedly faced with expensive car repairs. She had to choose between getting her car fixed, which would enable her to get to work and the job training program, or pay her rent. She couldn’t afford both. The Emergency Fund paid Tawnee’s rent so that she didn’t have to make that difficult choice.

“I was working; doing better than I had done in years but still it wasn’t enough,” she says. “The Emergency Fund helped bridge the gap to help get over the hump. The Emergency Fund is a life saver, literally a life saver that helps keep your feet on the ground when you feel like you are drowning.”

Tawnee is now gainfully employed with two jobs. She works full-time as a welder building parts for commercial kitchen use and was recently promoted to a supervisory role. She is also a part-time welding instructor for the very same program from which she graduated!
2013 Impact—Thanks to you!

EMERGENCY FUND
$2,700,659 in financial assistance was distributed to 4,625 households, further benefiting 4,052 children and 1,233 adults living in those homes.

These donations brought heat and light to those struggling to pay their utility bills, provided transportation to and from work and rental assistance to keep individuals and families in their homes.

The Emergency Fund continues to touch the lives of so many families experiencing hardships and we thank you on their behalf for your continued compassion and support.

2013 KEY HIGHLIGHTS:
Financial assistance granted:
- 77% was used to provide rent and security deposits
- 5.9% was used to purchase home items
- 8.2% was used to pay utility bills

Client Demographics:
- 8% of clients were 60 years and older
- 65% female / 35% male
- 42 — average age
- Top areas served were Edgewater, Uptown, Humboldt Park, Lawndale,
  Rogers Park, Calumet Heights, Chatham, West Garfield Park, South Shore, Austin and Pilsen

CHICAGO ALLIANCE
The second year of the implementation of Chicago’s blueprint to end homelessness—Plan 2.0: A Home for Everyone—started with great momentum in 2013.

The Chicago Alliance co-leads Plan 2.0 with the Department of Family and Support Services and is continuously evaluating and implementing best practices to ensure the success of the plan.

2013 KEY HIGHLIGHTS:
- The Chicago Alliance evaluated 179 programs and successfully submitted the HUD collaborative application for $57 million dollars of supportive housing funding.
- Rapid re-housing strategies helped move 200 households from shelter to housing.
- Chicago’s $2 million investment in youth drop-in programs and low-threshold, low-demand overnight shelters was fully implemented in 6 community areas throughout the city.
- The number of youth beds increased from 266 in 2012 to 435 by the end of 2013.
- 129 individuals identified through the Central Referral System moved from the streets to permanent supportive housing.
- Funds from the city and the Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust Fund will add additional supportive housing units to serve 100 chronically homeless individuals.
- Chicago’s HMIS data quality has improved such that all of our data was accepted and compiled into the national report submitted to Congress.
- Your gifts to the Chicago Alliance support the successes that happen everyday and we value your commitment to make homelessness history.

Name Your Brick. Make homelessness history.

Millions of us call Chicago home, but on any given night, over 6,300 men, women and children don’t have a place to rest their heads. Thousands more are just one unexpected setback from homelessness.

Strong communities are built when individuals and families have a place to call home; they can hold jobs, their children can succeed in school and together they can live stable lives.

Chicago can only be as strong as each of its community members.

It will take all of us, working together to ensure that our community members have a place to call home. Together, we can build a stronger Chicago.

We are leading the efforts for building a solid foundation for a homeless services system that works; a framework of proven strategies and best practices that will be effective in making homelessness history. One Brick at a Time.

Buy a brick; add your name to the wall of supporters that are part of the change that is happening every day. Your gift helps move people off the streets and into permanent housing with the support they need to stay housed.

Buy a brick; join this special campaign to make homelessness history.

For more information; contact Donnetta Philpot at 312-379-0301 x27 or dphilpot@allchicago.org
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**70’s—The Sequel. 6/20/2014**

It was so much fun last year—we are doing it again this year. Celebrating the work of the Emergency Fund—70’s style!

We are so proud to have the following sponsors providing underwriting for this event: **JP Morgan Chase, The PrivateBank, Peoples Gas, Pierce and Associates, Chicago Association of Realtors and Waterton Residential.**

We will be honoring **Iris Krieg** with the Norman H. Stone award at this event, recognizing her for her dedication to working in philanthropy for over 30 years.

The “Afrodisiacs” will be back for another great performance of 70’s music to inspire us to hustle, groove and boogie the night away.

Don’t forget to get out your bell bottoms, platforms and love beads as we are giving out awards for the best outfits.

Get your friends together and plan to have a fun evening, with all proceeds benefitting the Emergency fund.

We are saving you a space behind the velvet ropes!

For additional information and to buy tickets: www.allchicago.org

**Lunch with the CEO**

We could not do the work we do if it wasn’t for the support of our valuable donors. But, I want to know more about you beyond your monetary support.

I am starting a “Lunch with the CEO” series where I can meet a small group of donors, discuss a topic as it relates to homelessness and our work and listen to what you have to say. I know that we can only improve and grow as an organization when we accept insight and advice from our supporters.

Limited seating for May 14th.

RSVP: dphilpot@allchicago.org

**Open house to honor Norman H. Stone**

We’ve moved to a new office space — in the same building — and want you to stop by and visit us!

We will be honoring the founder of the Emergency Fund, Norman H. Stone, by officially naming our conference room in his name.

Stop by for a light bite, meet the staff and some of our board members.

Let us know you are coming!!

RSVP: sskaggs@allchicago.org or at 312-379-0301 x26.

**Get involved. Join the YP Board**

Want to get involved to help make homelessness history in Chicago? Join our new Young Professionals (YP) Board.

The YP Board’s mission is to generate public awareness of the organization in a fun and collaborative environment. If you, or someone you know, are a young professional looking to make a difference for people experiencing homelessness, we welcome your application.

Visit “Get Involved” on our new website, www.allchicago.org, for more details!

You may also contact Donnetta Philpot at dphilpot@allchicago.org for additional information.

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DID YOU KNOW?

1/3
One third of all homeless children will repeat a grade

1 in 45
1 in 45 children experience homelessness every year

1 in 4
Only one in four homeless youth will graduate from high school

Number of schools a homeless child will attend per year

- 3 or more Schools: 28%
- 1 School: 32%
- 2 Schools: 40%

Sources: National Center on Family Homelessness and Chicago Public Schools