Donors and volunteers—thanks to you, high quality services kept going through the devastating Illinois state budget crisis!

2015 was a tough year. The Illinois state budget crisis forced staff and program cuts. It felt like Howard Area lost family members.

It is thanks to your commitment—donors, volunteers, board members, and staff— that Howard Area pulled through. Now the community has more needs than ever, and needs you more than ever.

Going into Howard Area Community Center’s 50th year, you can keep the successes coming with your commitment!

2015 Year-In-Review

Over 8,000 people empowered every year.
Our mission is to assist low-income individuals and families in the greater Rogers Park and adjacent communities to stabilize their lives and to develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members.

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Nutrition

Feeding the brain, the body, & the community

Seeing Healthy Active Rogers Park (SHARP)

40 children in elementary school learned to make healthy, easy meals from breakfast to dinner. They brought home affordable recipes like yogurt parfait and turkey tacos!

Cooking Across Cultures

Immigrants and refugees from over 30 different countries practiced their English by teaching their classmates to cook. Parents broke language barriers with a shared love of food and learned what foods are healthiest for their children.

Feeding the Community

The volunteer-run Food Pantry served 24,000 packages of food last year to those in need. Rogers Park seniors, often unable to travel for food assistance, had food brought to their doorstep. What’s in a package? A variety of fresh meat, hearty vegetables like broccoli and carrots, bread and rice, and canned foods.

For more information send a note to: volunteers@howardarea.org

Volunteer at the Food Pantry!

You can feed the community!
Survivors of Domestic Violence
Adults, mostly women, subjected to domestic violence participated in counseling and support groups in Spanish and English. They developed coping skills for trauma and learned new ideas of what being in an equal and safe partnership means. Survivors learned about their legal rights, obtained orders of protection, and found new housing, successfully leaving abusive relationships.

Eleanor Westor Dental Clinic
700 low-income children and adults received dental check ups, cleanings, and fillings. HACC donors fund one of the few dental clinics in Chicago that serve patients with HIV/AIDS, who are particularly at risk for infections due to a weakend immune system.

Home Visiting and Parent Child Development Trainings
Despite long work hours, tight funds, and language difficulties, parents learned about child development at school and home, working on everything from reading their children’s favorite book out loud, to counting blocks to improve motor and math skills. Pregnant mothers learned to prepare their bodies and homes for birth, like a healthy diet for mother and child, and support for newborns. Demographic Snapshot: 40% of parents are Latino/a, 40% are Black, and the remaining are Asian American and Pacific Islander, with a significant immigrant population.
On the Job

Connecting adults & teenagers to job opportunities, no matter the obstacles

Career Readiness Program

Over 40 youth ages 16-24 years old who left school due to hardship at home or in their community were mentored and given a renewed sense of direction and confidence through jobs at local businesses. They built their resumes and gained interpersonal skills to last a lifetime.

Re-entry into the Community from Prison

79 out of 112 people who completed job training left with a job and got the help they needed to re-integrate into a community after experiencing hardship. HACC runs 1 of only 8 re-entry programs in Chicago.

People rebuilding lives after prison face many challenges.

- Limited housing options with a criminal record.
- No housing or basics such as clothing or state IDs.
- No high school diploma or higher education.
- Lack of employment and low wages are two of the biggest contributors to returning to prison.
- The CTA Second Chance Program gave people with criminal records jobs to gain experience and connections. Many went on to become train operators and bus drivers.
Empowerment For All Ages

Education and group activities to empower people to reach their goals

Starting Strong with Pre-School
Teachers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young children taught over 140 children at a reduced rate, even in light of state budget cuts to early education. Children learned how to count, spell, begin to read, and understand the world around them. Over 400 pipe cleaners used.

Adult Literacy and Education Classes
Students speaking over 30 languages, from Spanish to Burmese to Haitian Creole, learned how to speak and read English, some studying for higher education such as a GED or college course. Parents learned to speak to their children’s teachers and doctors, and care for their physical and emotional health at home. Grandparents learned to speak to their grandchildren. Adults used their new English skills and education to get a job or a promotion.

Youth Groups Across Ages
About 40 Rogers Park elementary aged students can now better understand their favorite books thanks to reading tutors. Youth learned about the history of social justice movements, and how they can apply those lessons to current inequality and oppression in Project JAM! Teenagers and young adults struggling with personal or family and friend gang involvement joined together to learn about the school-to-prison pipeline and other options such as college and how to get there.
You Empower Your Neighbors

Ways To Give

Put your money to work right away by donating at www.howardarea.org.

Become a Monthly or Quarterly Supporter
Your gift in any amount given each month/quarter, charged to your credit card, provides a convenient, efficient, and stable source of support!

Donate Stocks or Bonds
By donating appreciated property to HACC, you may receive a tax deduction for the current fair market value of the asset and avoid capital-gains tax.

Celebrate or Remember Others
Recognize or remember someone special with a gift in their name that honors their legacy and commitment to your community.

Leave a Legacy
Estate planning is a powerful way to express your values and vision for the future.
  • Remember HACC in your will. For sample bequest language, please call 773.262.6622 ext. 244.
  • Donate life insurance or name HACC as a beneficiary of a retirement plan.

Introduce Friends, Colleagues and Others to HACC
Your assistance in bringing new people to HACC is greatly appreciated. You can sign up for our e-mail list and forward the messages you receive along to your friends.

Visit www.howardarea.org to make your gift, or please contact Elizabeth Ulion, Development Director, at 773.262.6622 ext. 244.
Thank you to the hundreds of donors who make the work of Howard Area Community Center possible. Thank you also for your patience and understanding for anyone missing from this list. We are transitioning to a new donor database and it will take a bit longer to sort out all of the information on HACC’s amazing supporters!

Donors who gave $500 or more in Fiscal Year 2015 are recognized here:

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Financials

Where the Funds Come From

- 4.55% Misc Revenues & Fees: $285,659
- 7.37% In-Kind Contributions: $442,709
- 0.01% United Way: $823.98
- 2.68% Special Events: $171,868
- 0.34% Church and Civic: $20,258
- 2.25% Individual Giving: $135,163
- 75.73% Government Funds: $4,551,215
- 6.8% Foundation and Corporations: $414,171
- 4.55% Misc Revenues & Fees: $285,659

Total Funds Received: $6,021,867

Where the Funds Are Used

- 42.72% Early Childhood: $2,599,406
- 15.21% Administration and Development: $925,208
- 17.79% Adult Education & Employment: $1,082,719
- 13% Health & Human Services: $790,942
- 11.28% Youth Development: $686,390

Total Funds Used: $6,084,665

This report is based on financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. It was audited by Knutte & Associates who found no material weaknesses or difficulties. For more details, please visit howardarea.org!
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