Our Plan for the Future of LPCS
A Community in Crisis

On any given night, nearly 6,000 Chicagoans don’t have a place to call home. Tens of thousands more are just one unexpected setback away from joining them. There is not enough affordable housing in Chicago; and potential funding cuts to social service programs exacerbate poverty and affect vulnerable populations. These are our neighbors, this is our community, and together we can continue working to ensure that we all have stable and secure housing.

The need is urgent and the time is now.

Lincoln Park Community Services has proven itself to be an example of how a community can come together to support its neighbors experiencing homelessness for over 30 years. LPCS is not just a shelter. It offers unique and impactful opportunities that transform lives through its dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, and personalized programmatic structure.

Our Need

LPCS boasts award-winning programs and historically superior outcomes. However, homelessness in Chicago is still a pervasive issue that requires attention and dedicated resources to eradicate.

LPCS is bursting at the seams. Our physical limitations impact our ability to
• Increase the number of interim housing Guests
• Comfortably conduct confidential case management
• Display LPCS signage
• Host drop-in services for community clients
• Have team leadership and administrative meetings
• Conduct concurrent On Track Program sessions
• Provide permanent supportive housing without extensive travel across housing sites

To continue fulfilling our mission and addressing the plight of homelessness in our community, we must inhabit a space that can accommodate the growing need, and expand the programs that help support this important work. We have the administrative capacity, experience, and willpower to expand, but space restraints limit our physical capacity to do so.

We need your help.
An Extraordinary Opportunity

We are excited about the next phase of our future and the lives of those who will feel that positive impact for generations to come. To further achieve our mission, we are undertaking the extraordinary goal of acquiring and developing a property that will nearly triple the size of our existing space.

*A larger facility will increase the number of overnight beds by 37%. There is a consistent waiting list for interim housing at LPCS. More space will mean the capacity to help more individuals experiencing a crisis of shelter insecurity.

*Twenty (20) permanent supportive apartment units will be brought under a single roof with the LPCS Interim Housing Program. Clients will have access to supportive services, case management, and access to health and wellness resources.

*An expansion of the Community Engagement Program will include a drop-in center that will operate during the day, allowing LPCS to work with vulnerable community members experiencing homelessness and in need of daily living essentials and case management.

*Multi-purpose case management space will be substantially expanded, accommodating a modest increase in staffing.

*Shared community space for group activities and training sessions will be expanded.

*With prominent signage, LPCS will enjoy increased visibility in the community and will be a go-to resource, providing education, awareness, and advocacy efforts for issues of homelessness.
A working target of $4 million in philanthropic support will accompany other grant and financing funding sources to ensure we have the resources necessary to complete the $13-14 million project.

Your consideration of a financial investment in this project will help us support the people who desperately need our help, with quality programs that empower them to make and sustain life changes.

The successful accomplishment of this capital effort will result in even greater integration of the three integral LPCS communities - staff, volunteers, and Guests - who work collaboratively to achieve the mission of LPCS.

Please consider an investment in the lives of our neighbors today. Help open the door to greater impact for LPCS, and opportunities to the more than 400 individuals we serve annually.