

SUMMER LAUNCH: INTERIM HOUSING FOR MEN

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

The mission of Humboldt Park Social Services is to empower, serve and advocate for the homeless and disadvantaged in our neighborhood by providing housing and supportive services.

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As of May 31, HPSS will be writing the last page in a very successful chapter of our history. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the closing of our warming center which has become home to so many disadvantaged gentlemen in our community for almost twenty years. However, while sorrows may last for the night, joy comes in the morning. We are overjoyed to announce that our very first short term transitional housing program for men is projected to open as soon as we are done renovating the facilities. (We expect to open the doors this July.) This intensive, holistic program will empower current and former clients of our warming center to transition into permanent housing and create a stable foundation on which to rebuild their lives.

The goal of this program for men is to serve the mostly Latino homeless population of single

men in our neighborhood, providing short-term residence and support focused on moving participants to permanent, stable housing as soon as possible. In pursuit of this goal and building off our successful interim housing program for single women and families, the short term housing program for men will provide clients case management, specialized housing, employment and financial services and social and emotional supports.

We are in the midst of a candidate search to fill the Interim Housing Residential Aide position for our new facilities. The Residential Aide will work closely with residents of our program for single men, providing program oversight and serving as a resource to residents during non-peak program hours. His/her foremost responsibility will be to ensure clients' health and safety in the evening and overnight hours of

A BRAND NEW LEASE ON LIFE

"Delilah" heads a household of five, including three teenage boys ages 17, 14 & 13 and one 12 year old girl. They had never known a place to call their own. Delilah is a highly motivated, loving mother who went through intensive case management at our Center for Changing Lives and found full time, permanent employment while she and her family resided in our interim housing program. Our unwavering commitment to maintaining family units intact make our program unique as most interim programs do not allow males over the age of 12 to reside on the premises. Delilah was able to save up for a down deposit through our

matched savings program and her family celebrated a housewarming for their very first independent apartment. Delilah found her experience with HPSS so rewarding that she has agreed to give back to the organization and partner with us in our strategic planning efforts as we map out our next steps. Stories like Delilah's are the building blocks of our success. It is only through the support of dedicated volunteers and donors like you that allows us to empower more families to improve their quality of life and provide better opportunities for generations to come. Cheers to another happy ending and a bright new beginning!

the program. For more details, visit our [ad on Craigslist](#). Interested parties may e-mail their cover letter and resume to Ellen Ray, Program Director, at eray@hpsschanginglives.org. Candidates may also fax their cover letter and resume to 773-342-1789. No calls please.

In contrast to our interim program for families, the facilities for men will be dormitory style with three shared meals a day to facilitate community. Participants will engage in the following: life skills trainings, recreational activities, vocational workshops, etc. More details about volunteer opportunities in our programs will be available soon. If you or someone you know would like more information on facilitating a workshop, please contact Jennie Dye at jdye@hpsschanginglives.org



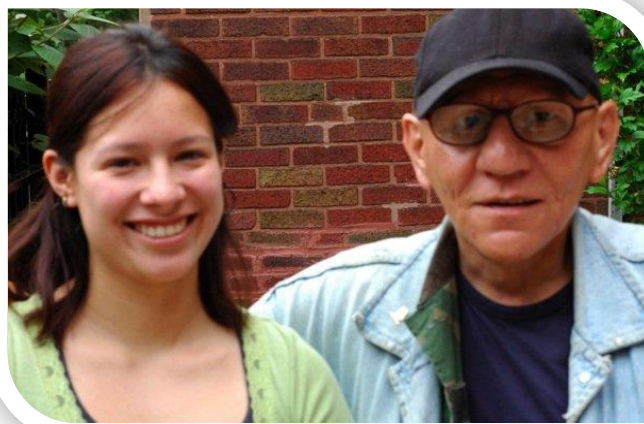
Did you know . . .

- It costs \$1.53 per minute to keep our doors open
- Our Supportive Service Center is open 258 days a year
- Our soup kitchen serves 100+ hot meals each day
- Our supportive services center serves over 1,300 people each year

Invest in changing lives! Go to <http://www.hpsschanginglives.org/donations.htm> to donate to HPSS today!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

All current and former volunteers are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Thursday, June 17th** from **6-8pm** at **Cortland Evangelical Church**, 3008 W. Cortland St, Chicago IL 60647. HPSS has been sustained by the selfless giving of talented persons like you. Apart from your regular sacrifices, we would not be able to empower, serve and advocate for the homeless and disadvantaged in our neighborhood by providing housing and social services. As such, our staff would like to give back to you! Bring a friend and join us for some great food, learn more about the impact your time and energy is having on our neighborhood and network with the people who move our mission forward. Be sure to RSVP with Jennie Dye at 773-342-0441 or jdye@hpsschanginglives.org.



HPSS SALUTES A LIFE OF SERVICE: A TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF DAVID THORPE

David Pearson Thorpe, 73, passed away Friday April 16 peacefully at home after a five year battle with prostate cancer. He was a faithful board member and relentless advocate of HPSS. His life's mission was dedicated to his faith and his church. In the 1980s, David began volunteering as a youth counselor at St. Thomas United Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn where he led several mission trips to Ohio to help remodel homes for the elderly, and to Honduras to build homes and schools.

After retiring in 2001 he joined the board of the Humboldt Park Social Services where he was best known for his servant's heart and contagious enthusiasm for serving, advocating and empowering the homeless and disadvantaged. In the words of Delia Ramirez, our Executive Director, "Dave was one of the best ambassadors our agency has ever had. He'd do anything we ever asked of him. Last summer he [even] put the shelves up in my office." Our thoughts and prayers are with Norma, his wife of 54 years, and the couple's friends and loved ones as they celebrate David's homegoing.



David at our 2008 Gala with his wife, Norma to the right.

HUNGER WALK JUNE 26, 2010

Saturday June 26th HPSS will be part of the Greater Chicago Food Depository's annual 5K Hunger Walk. We need YOU to help us raise enough funds to stock our food pantry and soup kitchen for the upcoming year. GCFD will give us food credits for every dollar that our team raises, plus they will give us bonus credits for each walker that we turn out at the event. GCFD will also match every dollar we raise once we pass the \$1,000 mark. You can login in to our team webpage at <http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/goto/walkHPSS> and donate

to our team or create your own profile to begin fundraising with us. Also, walkers are welcome to join us whether they fundraise or not, so mark your calendar for Saturday, June 26th and meet us at Soldier Field. Registration begins at 8:00am and Step Off begins at 9:30am. For more information, check out our [Facebook event](#) or contact Jennie Dye at 773-342-0441 or jdye@hpsschanginglives.org.



Wish List

HPSS is looking for the following items. If you or anyone you know might be able to donate an item, please contact Noemi Avelar at navelar@hpsschanginglives.org. Tax deductible receipt will be provided.

- Knife Set
- Lawn Mower
- Food Processor
- Cutting Boards
- Industrial Blender
- Large Serving Spoons
- 6ft high partition walls

GALA 2010

HPSS is gearing up for our annual Gala and we need your help now to ensure a successful event on **Sunday, October 10th, 2010!** Please consider serving one of the following Gala committees:

- Adbook/Raffle Sales
- Event Ticket Sales
- Sponsorship
- Silent Auction

We are hoping to raise **\$40,000** this year and we need your hard work to make that goal a reality. For more details about the event, please contact Noemi Avelar at navelar@hpsschanginglives.org.