



Solutions to Homelessness

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Renaissance's vision is to create a Chicago without homelessness or inequities.

Our mission is to empower Chicagoans for long-term success through innovative and comprehensive supportive services and housing.

Letter from Our Leaders

Dear Friends,

As other cities across the United States confront rising homelessness, Chicago experienced a 28% reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness from 2020 to 2022. During that time, Renaissance was a lead partner in implementing bold new initiatives like the Expedited Housing Initiative and Flexible Housing Pool, which have helped more than 3,000 Chicagoans move from the streets and shelters to permanent housing.

For more than 25 years, Renaissance has played a prominent role in shaping and implementing Chicago's response to homelessness, providing a range of proven solutions including prevention, outreach, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, behavioral health care, and clinical case management.

Thanks to your partnership, Renaissance has provided housing and services to tens of thousands of Chicagoans since its founding in 1997. In 2022, Renaissance served more than 3,800 people, including individuals, families, and seniors.

Renaissance's team members work in collaboration with unhoused and vulnerable individuals and families to improve their housing stability, health outcomes, and quality of life. With the solid foundation of housing and ongoing, wraparound supportive services, individuals and families can achieve their personal goals and make transformational changes in their lives.

Your support enables Renaissance to respond to changing needs with innovation, persistence, and care. As we prepare to implement our new strategic plan and deepen our impact, we would like to thank you for your steadfast and generous partnership in our mission.

With gratitude and determination,

Michael Banghart, MA, LPC
Executive Director

Susan Schierl Sullivan, JD
President, Board of Directors



"Your support allows Renaissance to innovate and respond quickly to the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Thank you!"

– Michael Banghart

“Renaissance is a big, big blessing for my family. You have changed our lives for the better. We’ve got stability, shelter, mental health support, and even birthday cards for my kids.”

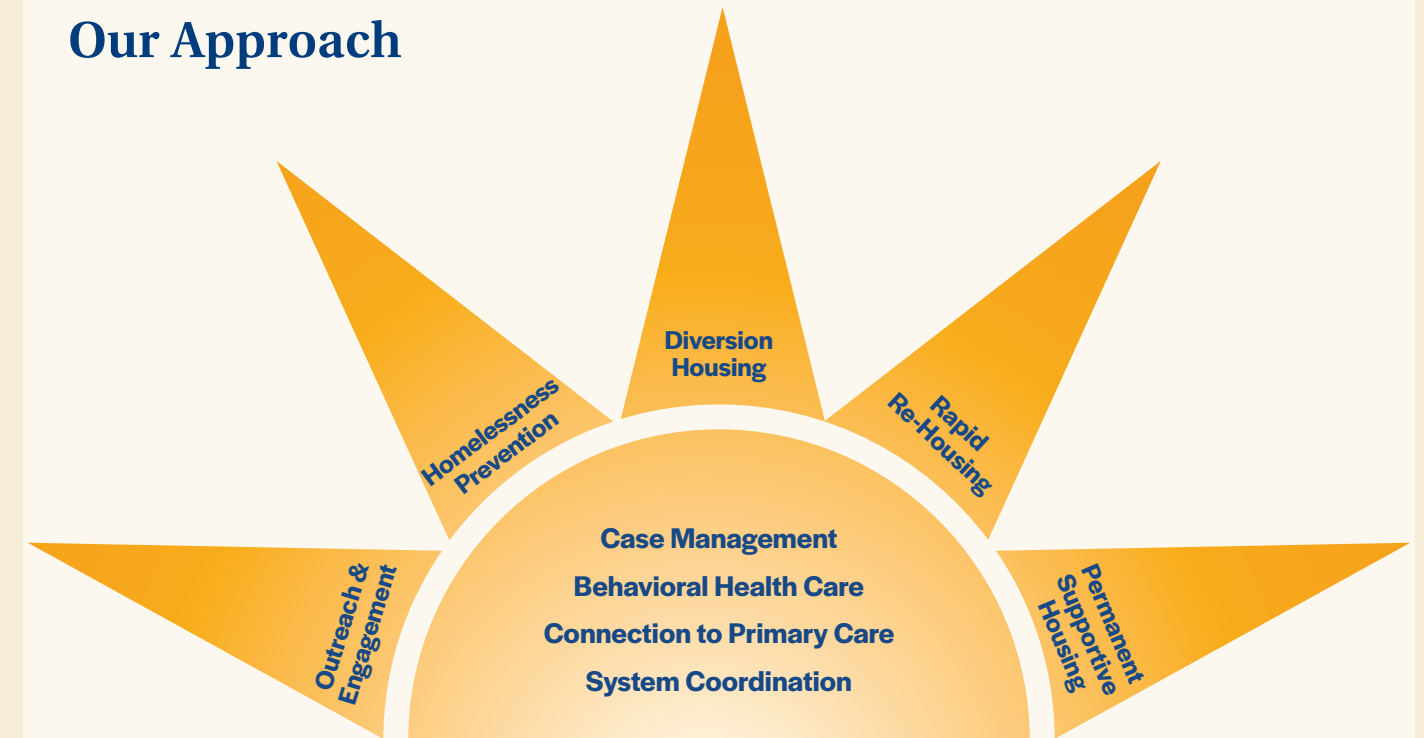
– Anastasia



People experience housing instability and homelessness across a broad spectrum. Renaissance offers innovative and effective solutions to people across this spectrum – from individuals and families experiencing brief, situational episodes of homelessness needing short-term assistance to regain stability, to people with significant mental and physical health issues experiencing long-term, chronic homelessness needing permanent supportive housing and ongoing services.

Solutions to Homelessness

Our Approach



Homelessness Prevention: Renaissance prevents homelessness in Chicago by providing short-term emergency funds to people at risk of losing their homes. The agency provides payment directly to the source for urgent financial hardships, such as car repairs or unexpected medical bills, which could result in missed rent payments and eviction. Additional referrals and support services are provided to link households to stabilizing resources in the community.

Flexible Housing Pool Outreach & Case Management: As a key partner in Chicago’s Flexible Housing Pool (FHP), Renaissance conducts outreach to homeless individuals and families targeted for housing by the FHP. The program locates and engages homeless people who have been identified as high utilizers of the health care system and engages them into support services, housing, and primary and preventative health care.

Homeless Street Outreach: Street outreach teams visit shelters and encampments on a regular basis to engage with people; provide food, clothing, and personal supplies; offer transportation to health care; and build relationships. Over time, growing trust allows team members to move people into housing and help them engage in mental health and primary care services.

Rapid Re-Housing: For individuals and families who do not need intensive and long-term supports to exit homelessness and maintain permanent housing, Renaissance provides short-term housing assistance and case management that focuses on building individuals’ income and strengths so that they can quickly return to housing independence and stability.

Diversion Housing: Renaissance provides temporary housing for individuals with serious mental health issues awaiting placement into permanent housing. Temporary housing is more stable than shelter or hospitalization and can improve individuals’ health outcomes.



Transformational Outcomes

2,171

households received resources to prevent becoming homeless.

545

participants lived in the agency's permanent supportive housing, including 57 families.

630

people living on the streets and in shelters were connected to housing, health care, and other needed services.

86%

of housed participants received community-based integrated health care.

Permanent Supportive Housing: In partnership with landlords across Chicago, Renaissance operates site-based and scattered-site permanent supportive housing programs, offering rent subsidies and wraparound supportive services to help participants increase their stability and autonomy. Renaissance maintains ongoing relationships with participants to ensure they can stay in their homes.

- **Housing Stability Program** – site-based permanent supportive housing for single adults and families
- **Family Support Program** – scattered-site permanent supportive housing for families with children
- **Supportive Housing Outreach Team** – scattered-site permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with mental health diagnoses, including military veterans
- **Seniors Program** – site-based and scattered-site permanent supportive housing for older adults

Behavioral Health Services: To help participants move towards the greatest degree of stability possible, Renaissance provides critical mental health and substance use recovery services.

- **Community Support Services** provides clinical mental health services for people with mental health diagnoses in the community. Clinical case managers meet with program participants in their homes to help them understand and address behavioral health symptoms that are creating impediments or causing instability in their lives.
- **Hospital Engagement Pilot Program** (formerly called The Living Room), located in the Austin community on Chicago's West Side, supports homeless adults following their discharge from nearby safety-net hospitals. Specially trained team members provide recovery support services, housing placement assistance, and connection to resources in a safe, inviting, and home-like atmosphere.



KEY MOMENTS 1997-2023

1997

Renaissance started with one case manager and one part-time director, providing supportive services to residents in one building. By 2022, Renaissance served more than 3,800 people – individuals and families – in multiple buildings and hundreds of scattered-site apartments, with a diverse team of 59 employees.

2007

Renaissance created the Chronic Homeless Initiative, the first of its kind in Chicago. This initiative helped chronically homeless individuals, who were historically underserved in permanent supportive housing, move into a beautifully renovated building in Wicker Park using a housing-first perspective and provided them with supportive services to help them attain stability and increase their self-determination.

2010

Renaissance received notification that it was one of seven recipients in the United States to receive a five-year Services in Supportive Housing grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The Supportive Housing Outreach Team was created to serve Chicagoans who had been homeless the longest and who had the most severe disabilities.

2017

Renaissance launched the Family Support Program – a new program to provide supportive housing for 45 chronically homeless families. The Family Support Program's primary funding is a \$1.4 million annual grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.



The Cost of Homelessness

The personal trauma and social cost of homelessness are great. Research published by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council found that without stable housing, unhoused people cycle in and out of emergency departments, inpatient hospital stays, psychiatric centers, detoxification programs, and jails, resulting in high public costs and poor health outcomes for individuals including premature death.

With support from Renaissance's dedicated and compassionate team members, participants achieved significant personal outcomes in 2022:

99%
of participants avoided evictions.

99%
of participants avoided incarceration.

88%
of participants avoided psychiatric hospital admissions.

100%
of participants avoided unnecessary hospitalizations.

94%
of participants remained in housing for at least one year.

92%
of participants achieved at least one of their stabilization goals.

KEY MOMENTS 1997-2023

2018

Renaissance became a State of Illinois-certified Community Mental Health Center and in 2021 became accredited by CARF International for the delivery of mental health services to children and adults.

2019

Renaissance became a lead partner in Chicago's Flexible Housing Pool, a coordinated effort to provide permanent housing and wraparound services to the most vulnerable Chicagoans experiencing homelessness. To date, more than 1,200 people have been housed, resulting in a 33% reduction in inpatient hospitalization days.

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“Thank you. You helped me out when I was in need, at the lowest of the low. Before I lived here, I was homeless, I wasn’t taking my medication, and I wasn’t eating right. This is my first apartment. Everything changed when I moved here.”

– Deandre

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Renaissance is proud to have earned the Four-Star Charity rating from Charity Navigator and the Platinum Transparency rating from Candid.





“I was on the street for a decade. This apartment means a whole lot to me. I don’t need to worry about where I’m going to sleep. I don’t need to sleep on the streets.”
 – Larry

Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Renaissance recognizes people of color are disproportionately affected by homelessness and poverty in Chicago due to societal and institutional inequities that are still evident today. We are committed to a nondiscriminatory, inclusive, and informed approach to our work serving the community.

We also strive to provide equal opportunity for employment and advancement in all our departments, programs, and worksites, and a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace where all employees and volunteers, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education, or disability, feel valued, respected, and belong. We respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages and want to ensure that all voices are valued and heard.

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Renaissance’s amazing Associate Board members on stage at Zanies for *Stand Up for the Homeless*.

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022 (with comparative totals for 2021)

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2022	2021
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	\$3,392,451	\$3,279,743
Illinois Dept. of Family and Support Services	104,540	-
Illinois Dept. of Human Services	1,256,224	818,526
Clinical service fees	203,131	232,984
Program fees	257,408	258,097
Foundation and corporate contributions	514,923	505,529
Individual contributions	34,918	54,284
Federal grants	95,806	99,810
Other grants	1,037,134	973,321
Special Events		
Sponsorship and other contributions	69,628	23,434
Event revenue	19,607	8,409
Less costs of direct benefits	(16,929)	(2,800)
Net revenues from special events	72,306	29,043
Donated facilities	17,889	17,249
In-kind contribution	2,319	8,118
Tenant services	91,512	29,460
SBA PPP grant	-	341,850
Other	3,117	1,831
Net assets released from restrictions –		
Satisfaction of program restrictions	-	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	7,083,678	6,649,845
EXPENSES		
Program services	6,696,818	5,496,256
Management and general	495,198	617,849
Fundraising expense	200,060	258,897
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,392,076	6,373,002
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(308,398)	276,843
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	685,970	409,127
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	377,572	685,970

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022 (with comparative totals for 2021)

ASSETS	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$410,900	\$964,234
Cash and equivalents - restricted	884	7,941
	972,175	411,784
Government contracts receivable	620,402	274,936
Contribution and other receivables	467,174	578,593
Client rent receivables, net of allowance	167,415	138,580
Prepaid expenses	98,692	85,565
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,765,467	2,049,849
Property and equipment		
Property and equipment	41,269	36,234
Vehicles	59,245	-
Leasehold improvements	100,878	61,953
Less accumulated depreciation	(61,139)	(33,619)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	140,253	64,568
Other Assets		
Right-of-use asset	632,243	-
Security deposits	33,900	23,900
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	666,143	23,900
TOTAL ASSETS	2,138,317	2,571,863
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	38,901	65,605
Operating lease liability, current	211,478	-
Accrued payroll	149,295	142,550
Deferred Revenue	1,599	295
Refundable advances - other	1,369,525	1,243,897
Total current liabilities	1,770,798	1,452,347
Long Term		
Operating lease liability, net of current	423,493	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,194,291	1,452,347
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	375,590	640,720
With donor restrictions	1,982	45,250
TOTAL NET ASSETS	377,572	685,970
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2,571,863	2,138,317



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