



Center of Concern

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## Center of Concern Sponsorship and Partner Opportunities



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## Supporting Families, Strengthening Community.

The Center of Concern would like to invite you to join us as a Agency Sponsor. Help the Center of Concern support and assist those in crisis and follow up with supportive services, and provide support for the homebound elderly and disabled to help them retain their independence by sponsoring one of our many outstanding services or programs:

### **Housing Services, Senior Services and Community Services**

We would be honored if you would consider supporting the Center for Concern as a Agency Sponsor of one of our services or programs. By choosing to be a sponsor, you will give us the ability to provide Senior and Family Support, Counseling programs, Affordable Housing, Home Sharing, Homelessness Prevention, Transitional housing for your neighbors.

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# 2017-18 Center of Concern Support Opportunities



**Housing Services/  
Homeless Prevention**



**Senior and Family  
Services**



**Community  
Services**



**Financial  
Counseling**



**Events**



**BUNKO**  
Center of Concern Auxiliary

# Housing

**Frederick** has a gentleman's style, which he carries through with a delightful sense of humor. After losing his wife and being widowed for several years, **Frederick** decided to seek a home owner with whom he could share his personal interests. *The Center of Concern's* housing counselor matched him on the first phone call, with a veteran home provider who enjoys offering his home to individuals who are not able to afford their own apartment. The home is conveniently located for **Frederick** to meet his friends for breakfast and continue his activities at a nearby senior center.

**THE CENTER OF CONCERN'S HOUSING PROGRAM ORIGINATED IN 1980 WITH THE ADVENT OF ITS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM, LATER EXPANDED TO ADD HOMELESS PREVENTION AND HOMELESS RAPID/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.**

## **HOMESHARING**

The Center of Concern's Home Sharing program matches homeowners having extra space in their homes with individuals who need affordable housing. Homeowners or condo/ apartment dwellers willing to share their homes do so in exchange for affordable rent and/or services. The Center's Home Sharing program has received a Best Practice award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its innovative approach to providing affordable housing.

Homeowners benefit by continuing to live in their homes and in the community they know and feel comfortable in. It is cost effective for both parties: the homeowner receives income and/or help while the home-seeker finds housing that is more affordable than in the open market. Home sharing often creates new friendships and encourages shared mutual interests while allowing participants to maintain individual lifestyles. This program is open to individuals of all ages: students, retirees, employed persons and single parents.

The staff at The Center facilitates compatible home-sharing arrangements by interviewing, screening, arranging introductory visits and providing ongoing support.

## **RAPID/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

The Rapid Re-Housing and Transitional Housing program helps individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness secure safe and affordable housing. Residents of Northern Cook County receive housing case management services to help them access resources to overcome hardships and secure leases in their own name. Our program helps individuals and families who are literally homeless with financial assistance to overcome barriers to finding housing on their own

## **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

Provides financial assistance and counseling to families facing eviction or utility shut-off.

## **MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Provides ongoing help for older persons with tasks such as checkbook balancing, check writing and budgeting.

## **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Offers assistance to job seekers of all ages in finding employment, developing resumes and improving interviewing skills.

## **INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Is available throughout the year by experienced volunteers who answer income tax questions, prepare basic tax returns, and help resolve problems with the IRS.

# Senior Services

When **Charlotte** first came to us at age 87, she was the sole caregiver for her ailing husband and an older sister. Between caring for them, cooking and laundry, Charlotte was overwhelmed and exhausted. She called The Center looking for a helper and a friendly visitor. After an initial assessment of their needs, our social worker found a friendly visitor for Charlotte and her sister, and a young man to visit her husband. We also provided for household help through the Chore program, escort transportation to doctor's appointments and shopping. Less than a year later her husband and sister passed away. Their last months were happier because of their friendly visitors, and Charlotte has a friend to lean on during this difficult time.

**Our licensed staff and volunteers empower residents who wish to remain in their homes with daily assistance to maintain their independence. Our experienced case managers provide a personalized, in-home assessment to introduce residents to effective resources so they can safely and affordably remain in their homes.**

## Case Management / In-Home Support

Is provided by social workers who do assessments in clients' homes to evaluate their needs, arrange for services to meet those needs, and monitor their situations.

## Senior Lunch Program

A senior lunch service "Lunch with Us" to promote the health and well-being of older adults with a nutritious meal and informative, educational, and entertaining programs will begin Tuesday, June 13th at the Des Plaines Public Library. The meal is available to persons 60 years of age and older and their spouses regardless of age. The lunch is free but a suggested donation for the lunch is \$2.00.

## Senior Companion Program

If you are at least 55 years of age and enjoy helping others, you can become a valuable part of a new program improving lives of seniors and the disabled in your local community. The Senior Companion Program (SCP) provides individuals residing in suburban Cook County with meaningful volunteer opportunities within their own communities

## Senior Ask

Experienced social workers with a long term community presence identify valuable support services for homebound clients.

## Friendly Visitors

Make regular visits to lonely and isolated individuals who need someone to care and be supportive. An intergenerational outreach includes high school and elementary school students who send cards to seniors to celebrate their birthdays.

## Telephone Reassurance

Provides peace of mind to those living alone and their families. Telephone calls at specified times assure that individuals are safe and well. For some clients these calls may be the only outside contacts they have.

## Medicare, Supplemental and Long-Term Insurance Counseling

Provides assistance with Medicare paperwork, help in resolving problems with insurance companies, HMOs and providers, and aid in selecting Medicare Supplement, Medicare Prescription and Long-Term Care policies.

## Personal Counseling

Is supplied by licensed social workers who provide individual supportive sessions to help individuals with their problems.

# Community Services

**Helen** worked to support herself when, at age 70, a severe illness caused her to lose her job. While recuperating, her fixed income was not adequate to pay her rent. When her landlord threatened to evict her, *The Center* provided a month's rent to get her through the crisis. Helen took advantage of *The Center's* employment counseling services and soon found a pleasant part-time job to keep her busy and to add to her fixed income.

**Our primary objectives are to assist those in crisis and follow up with supportive services to help those in need in our communities.**

## **PERSONAL COUNSELING**

Is supplied by licensed social workers who provide individual supportive sessions to help individuals with their problems.

## **GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets weekly with a Center counselor as facilitator and is open to individuals who have lost a loved one.

## **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets monthly to assist caregivers in learning effective strategies for managing difficult behavior and coping with the stress of their responsibilities.

## **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Offers assistance to job seekers of all ages in finding employment, developing resumes and improving interviewing skills.

## **FINANCIAL COUNSELING**

Is available on an individual basis to help clients budget, use credit cards responsibly, and apply for property tax exemptions.

## **LEGAL COUNSELING**

Is offered by pro-bono volunteer attorneys.

## **MEDICARE, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE COUNSELING**

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# Event Sponsorships

Specific event options are available. Please contact the Center of Concern to discuss in more detail. All and any support can be tailored to fit your needs and wants. Contact the Center of Concern to make your support fit your goals and objectives.



## Community Volunteer Service Day

A day to help Older Adults and a time dedicated to demonstrating to the community that by working together we can meet challenges and accomplish goals. Volunteers help homebound seniors by window washing, yard maintenance, and other tasks to help them maintain their independence and prepare for the fall and winter seasons.



## Oktoberfest

Annual fall event that attracts more than 200 friends and supporters of the Center of Concern that provides FUN ~ FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ GAMES ~ AWARDS and MORE!



## BUNKO

Annual Center of Concern Auxiliary winter special event that features Bunko, special prizes, raffles, silent auction, great food, cash bar and lots of fun with friends and family. Bunko is an easy game to play and learn - beginners are welcome! We play 3 games of Bunko during the event, and our Master of Ceremonies rings a bell to signal the beginning and end of each round. During the game, players at each table take turns rolling three dice to try and earn points. Players do not move tables at this event, so you will stay with your group.



## Adopt-a-Senior

Spread some joy this holiday season with a gift of a Poinsettia, personally delivered by one of The Center of Concern's trained volunteers. This successful social services program lets you send a beautiful, iconic holiday plant to seniors the Center of Concern serves or for your special senior, family member, friend or neighbor. You'll not only be brightening the life of a senior, but you'll be supporting one of the Center's valuable social services programs.



## Blarney Bash

'A light heart lives longest (so the Irish say), and so we have a party to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and support the Center of Concern annually every spring in March.



## Mini Golf

A different themed party every summer with music, food, and fun at the Mini Golf Masters Tournament and picnic. The evening includes Miniature Golf, Picnic Dinner, Beverages, Balloon Artist, Raffle Prizes, Top Golfer Jacket, Music, (50/50), Raffle and more.....



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# CONTACT US

The Center of Concern is a non-profit agency offering Senior Support services to individuals living in the Maine Township area. The Center's Housing Solutions and Professional services counselors serve residents of northern Cook County.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Center of Concern is to provide housing solutions, support services and counseling for seniors, disabled and others in need, enabling them to live with dignity and independence.

## OUR FOCUS

The Center focuses on serving the needs of the elderly and home-bound and on providing housing counseling and assistance. The Center offers services to all adults in the community who seek counseling and support as they look for solutions to their problems.

We'd be happy to meet with you to discuss any opportunities you maybe interested in pursuing.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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