

Margaret's Village

Strengthening Families • Building Communities • Opening Doors



Our History

Founded in 1974

- Sister Margaret Traxler is a revered social activist who worked for peace and equality.
- She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King along with compassionate people of all classes and creeds.
- Sister Margaret formed what is now known as **Margaret's Village** to continue fighting racial and gender inequity.



Our Mission

Strengthening Families | Building Communities | Opening Doors



Strengthen Families

Empowering Families to Stay Together



Build Communities

Strengthening Chicago's South Side Community



Open Doors

Exploring One's Opportunities and Human Potential

The mission of Margaret's Village is to provide transitional housing for homeless women, children and families, and provide experiences that empower, mentor, and support women and the broader community so they can achieve their highest potential.



Our Facilities



Maria Shelter

- 50-bed interim shelter
- Annually provides food, shelter, and programs for 200+ women and children



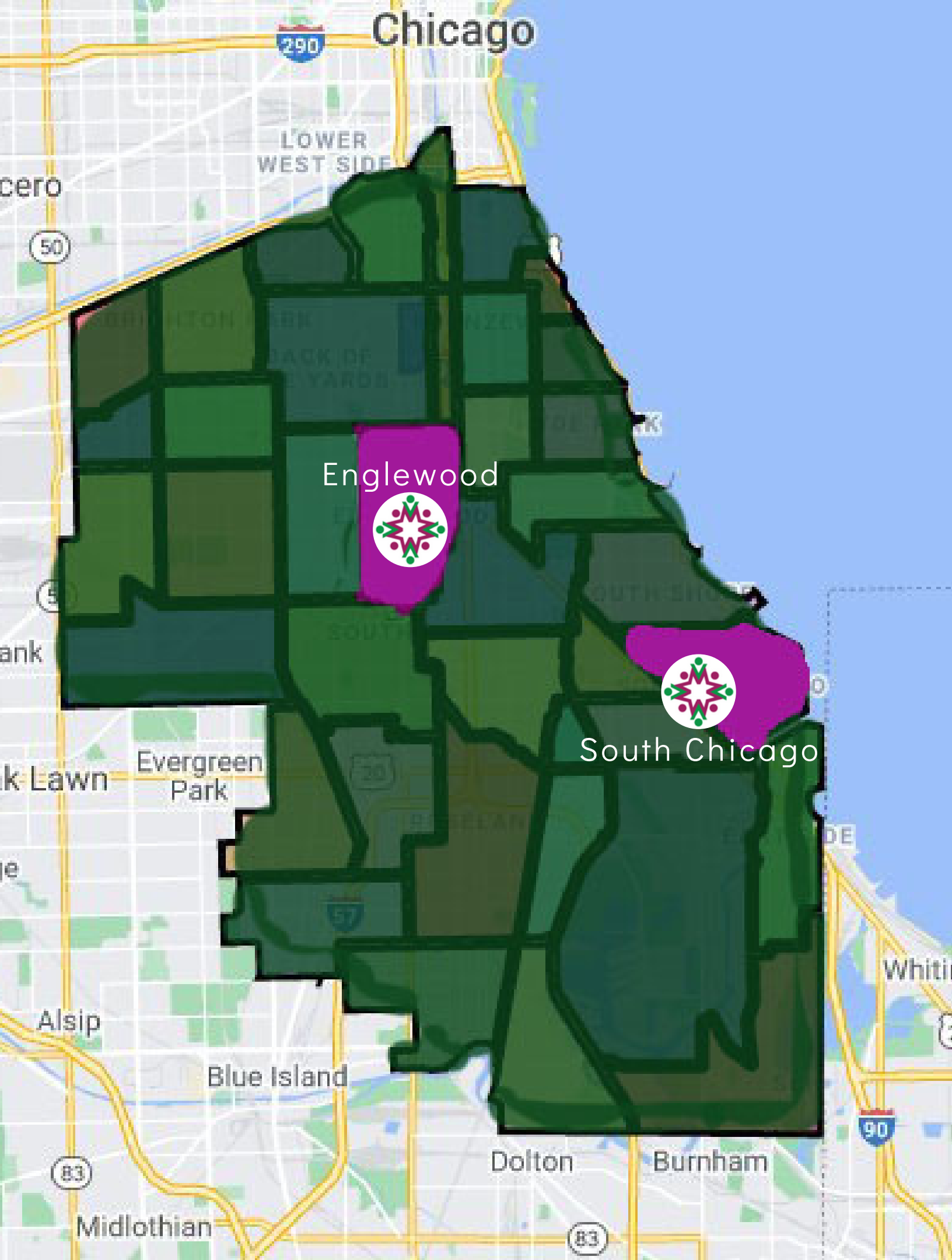
Believe Shelter

- 50-bed program serving all families
- Annually shelters over 200 south-side residents



Vincennes Senior Center

- Activities, education opportunities, and nutritious meals for 100+ south-side seniors per annum



Margaret's Village Envisions A World Where Everyone Has A Warm Bed & A Safe Home.

- 106,000 Chicagoans are housing insecure
- 5,390 people living on the streets or in shelters, a 2 percent increase over 2019.
- Nearly 80,000 Chicagoans are impacted by homelessness, either living on the streets or are in and out of temporary housing.
- Of those coping with street and shelter homelessness, 78% identified as Black.
- 16,451 Chicago Public Schools (CPS) students experience homelessness.

Source: The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless - 2018/2020

Our Impact

More than 29,000 nights of shelter, 105,000 meals and 2,300 case management contacts per year.

Permanant housing

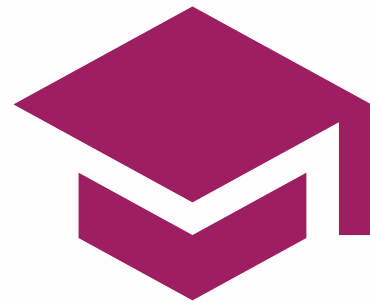


Our on-site case managers provide holistic and individualized services to each individual that arrives, including care coordination and referrals for legal assistance.

Job Security



Through partner agencies including Cara, Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Jane Addams Resource Corp. and others, we facilitate job training, coaching and employment placement.



Education and Training

Spirits are lifted when program participants enjoy music, art therapy, and attend writing workshops that promote healing and improve communication skills. Our expressive arts programs are a superb method of reaching those impacted by trauma, and often unresponsive to other types of therapies.



Health & Safety

We coordinate with the University of Chicago Medical Center and Heartland Health Alliance.



**We often say that we are ending homelessness one person at a time.
In the case of our families, we end the cycle of homelessness.**



Paulette, a former resident of Maria Shelter, today lives on her own, works at an international automotive company, and worked hard to receive her Bachelor's degree in 2018. She says:

"Maria Shelter changed my life. I have known the feeling of prison doors closing, but I have been blessed to know what it is like to have the doors of Maria Shelter opened for me. Walking through those doors is not just about a place to sleep—it is about hope and promise."



Last June, Denise received her Bachelor's degree. She and her children were residents of Maria Shelter more than a decade ago. Not only does she have a good job, and a degree, but her oldest child is now enrolled in college as well. In this case, we helped a single mother get back on her feet, but the reality is we probably have prevented her children from a lifetime of poverty, too.

**Success
Stories**

Our needs



BUILDING RENOVATIONS

We believe every person should have access to well-built spaces where they can thrive.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Advocating for access to treatment and support keeps individuals off the street and helps families stay together.



MORE CASE WORKERS

Increased care and counsel increases chances of long-term success in securing shelter and employment.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education provides skills needed to get a steady income, and tools that are essential to being a critical thinker and good citizen.

Ways to Help

Your \$20,000 donation can provide:

40

Women with food and shelter for two weeks

8

Months of services for the 100 clients at Vincennes Senior Center.

1

Family with shelter and services for one year

1 in 7

people in the US is currently experiencing food insecurity.



We Invite You To Join The March With Sister Margaret!

Your investment helps to ensure that all Chicagoans
have access to safe and secure housing.



Equity

Margaret's Village is
founded on racial,
gender, and financial
equality.

Human Dignity

Helping those whose
dignity has been harmed
by the denial of access to
justice and human rights.

Empowerment

Giving people chances to
understand and change
their lives for the better.

Our Community Partners

all Chicago
making homelessness history

CHICAGO BOOTH

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business



CHICAGO COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF

FAMILY & SUPPORT SERVICES

BUILD • SUPPORT • EMPOWER



Margaret's Village

Strengthening Families. Building Communities. Opening Doors.

MARIA SHELTER • BELIEVE SHELTER • VINCENNES SENIOR CENTER

Contact Us!

Angela Hicks

Executive Director

angela.hicks@margaretsvillage.org

(773) 651-8372 ext 240

Cassandra Cooke

Director of Development

cassandra.cooke@margaretsvillage.org

(773) 651-8372 ext 120

