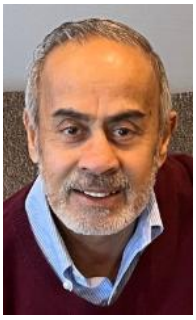
Celebrating Compassion, Community and 5 years of Shelter

Letter from our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,



As the summer sun shines over McHenry County, we are filled with gratitude and pride as we reflect on the incredible impact made through our Homeless Services Pillar—especially the work done at our 70-bed Emergency and Transitional Housing Shelter.

🏠 A Milestone: 5 Years at Our New Home

This summer marks 5 years since we opened the doors of our PADS shelter at 1805 S Route 31, McHenry, IL. Since relocating from Woodstock, we've continued to grow and meet the evolving needs of our community, offering a safe haven and a path forward for those experiencing homelessness.

📊 By the Numbers: Fiscal Year 2024 Highlights

- Nearly 200 clients served with an average length of stay of 90 days
- 163 adults and 28 children spent 13,450 nights in the shelter
- Over 40,000 meals provided to residents
- Nearly 500 transportation rides provided to residents
- Nearly 250 people were provided with 1,464 nights of shelter in the hotel program
- Comprehensive support including bed, home cooked meals, case management, laundry, and transportation
- Annual operating budget of $1.4 Million.

As we celebrate this milestone, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our partners, funders, donors, and volunteers. Your unwavering support makes it possible for us to provide not just shelter, but dignity, stability, and a fresh start for those in need. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate community. We are the only provider in the county that serves in 3 distinct Pillars: Developmental Disabilities, Behavioral Health and Homeless Services. It is this deep commitment that drives us to serve the community.

Helping the homeless is vital to our mission. Because we service a population unknown to us, and unique each year, we operate the shelter at a deficit. The current lack of resources is over $200,000. We hope to meet that need through the generosity of our donors. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, your involvement helps us continue this vital work. Let's keep the momentum going—because everyone deserves a place to call home.

With gratitude,



Frank Samuel, CEO