

A HOME of our OWN



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FURNITURE
BANK

The CFB has furnished
4,000 homes since
July 2018



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With operating efficiencies achieved through purchasing a warehouse,
we can eliminate furniture poverty in Chicagoland forever!

FURNISH
5000
HOMES
PER YEAR BY
2024



WHAT WE DO



CFB provides furniture and household goods to people leaving shelters. We pick up gently used furniture donations, display them in our warehouse, and our partner social service agencies bring clients to pick out a full household of furniture. After the furniture has been chosen it is delivered to turn empty apartments into homes.

FURNISH HOMES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

Our clients get the keys to an empty house. The CFB's furnishing packages turn the empty space into a real home. Without us, clients would be sleeping on the floor.



CREATE JOBS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Many of the CFB's employees have experienced homelessness, gang violence or incarceration.

REDUCE LANDFILL USAGE

Furniture is the least recycled household item with over 10 million tons being thrown away in the USA each year.



PROVIDING
FURNITURE TO
PEOPLE LEAVING
HOMELESSNESS

INCREASES HOME
RETENTION BY **50%**



A LARGER FACILITY + GREATER EFFICIENCY + SCALABILITY =
INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES WE CAN SERVE



FUNDRAISING
GOAL

\$1.5
MILLION



CURRENT WAREHOUSE	NEW WAREHOUSE
42,000 square feet	70,000 square feet
On the fourth floor, with one freight elevator	On the first floor
2 loading docks	5 loading docks
CFB can furnish 12 homes per day	CFB can furnish 20 homes per day
Leasing at \$243,000 per year	Ownership cost \$91,900 per year (\$151,000 in annual savings)
Constrained by operational bottlenecks	Ability to scale , leading to growth in earned revenue



WHO WE SERVE



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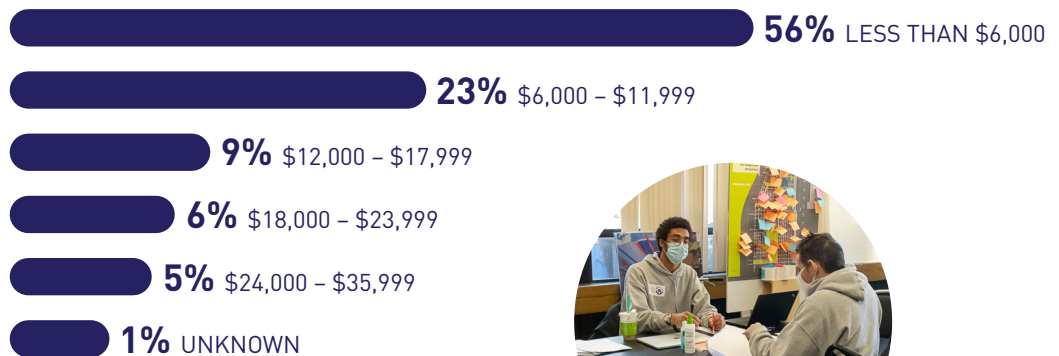


“I want my daughter to someday know what a real home looks like. My home will feel complete and at peace”

Aubriel J. – All Chicago



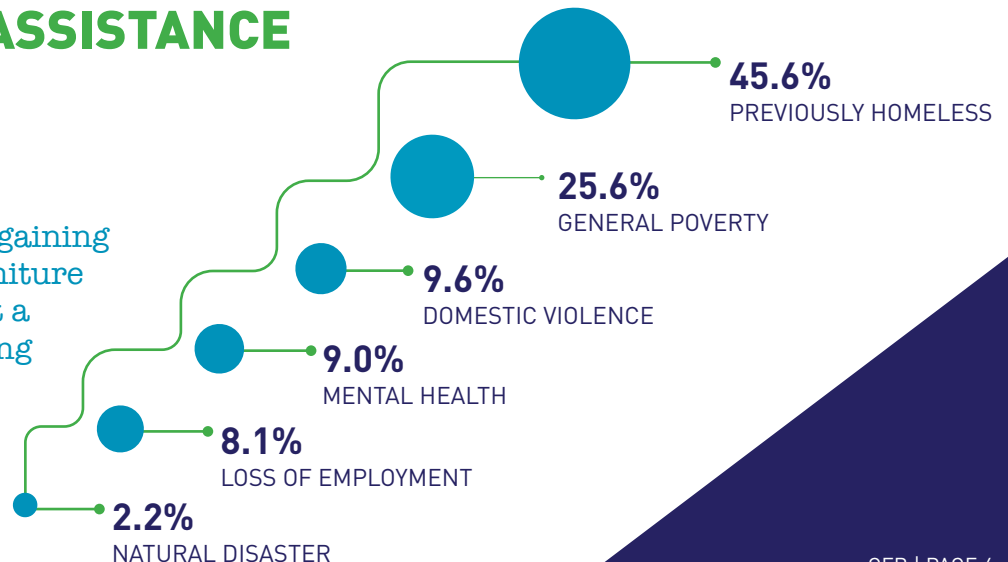
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME



REASONS FOR ASSISTANCE

“Furniture is important in regaining my independence. I need furniture to live in the house to make it a home. This service is a blessing to people who have come out of homelessness situations”

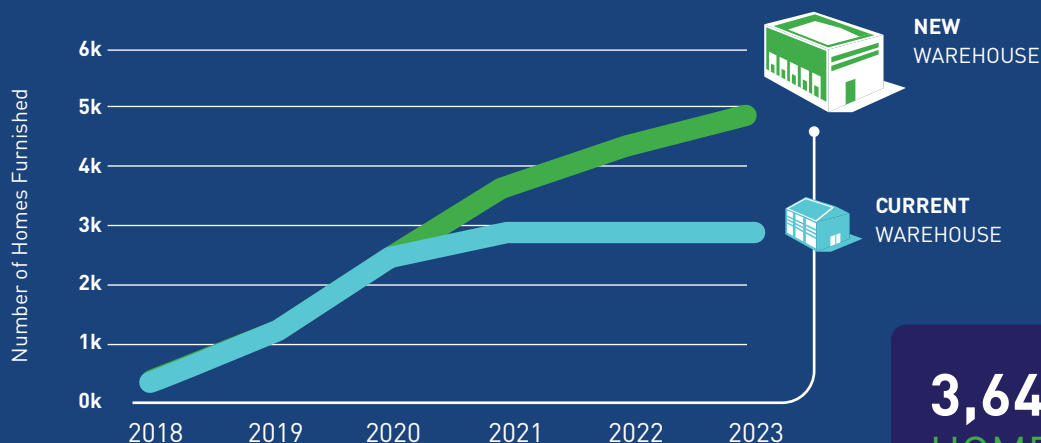
Martin R. – Renaissance Social Services



ANNUAL IMPACTS



PROJECTED CFB's GROWTH



3,647
HOMES
FURNISHED
AS OF DEC
2020

“Having furniture makes me feel like a person,
and the CFB greatly reduced my financial burden”

Toby A. – Haymarket



HOMES FURNISHED (per year)



CLIENTS SERVED (per year)



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HIRES



FURNITURE RE-HOMED (tons per year)



OUR REFERRING PARTNER AGENCIES (12/1/20)



PARTNER ALLIANCE	NO. OF REFERRALS
Heartland Alliance	315
Volunteers of America	123
Housing Forward	102
Family Rescue	88
Inner voice	87
Child & Family Connects #7	86
Renaissance Social Services	83
Facing Forward to End Homelessness	81
Featherfist	79
Housing Choice Partners (HCP)	78
A Safe Haven	75
Housing Opportunities for Women (HOW)	71
The Ark	71
Thresholds	66
Trilogy	66
Catholic Charities	64
Chicago House	59
BEDS PLUS CARE	54
Connections for the Homeless	50
Christian Community Health Center	49
All Chicago	48

PARTNER ALLIANCE	NO. OF REFERRALS
Jesse Brown V.A.	47
Deborah's Place	46
North Side Housing & Supportive Services	44
Inspiration Corporation	41
Mary Crane League	39
AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC)	34
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	34
By The Hand Club For Kids	32
Legal Aid Chicago	31
Cook County Health	30
Respond Now	30
Build Inc	28
Lincoln Park Community Services	28
Amita Health - Alexian Brothers	25
Breakthrough Urban Ministries	24
Haymarket Center - O'Hare Outreach	24
Phalanx Family Services	24
The Boulevard of Chicago	24
Cara Chicago	22
Housing First Milwaukee County Housing First	22

"It was the best experience, working with nice people and my prayers was answered. Now I can sleep in a **bed**!"

Isaiah Johnson – Aids Foundation of Chicago





PLEASE DONATE TODAY

HERE'S HOW:



Contact Griffin Amdur or go to our website
www.chicagofurniturebank.org/donate



WORDS FROM A FEW OF OUR PARTNERS AND STAFF:

"Our participants always walk away from the CFB experience with a sense of dignity. Choosing furniture is an empowering experience"

Ed Stellan, Executive Director

**HEARTLAND
ALLIANCE**
HEALTH

"Their mission to help Chicagoans meshes perfectly with Smithe's sustainability efforts. And the knowledge that our lightly-used furniture is helping those in need is a great comfort to both our clients and staff"

Walter Smithe III

— Est. 1945 —
**WALTER E.
SMITHE**
— Furniture & Design —

"Furniture Bank makes a house a home. This is why I love working here. God bless the Furniture Bank"

David, CFB Warehouse Lead

