

The Welcoming City



**New Arrivals Mission
Community Briefing – November 15, 2023**

- Situational Updates
- Updates
 - Shelter locations
 - Warming Sites and Police Stations
 - TPS/EAD Workshops
 - Donations
 - RFPs
- Proposed Legislation
- Questions

1. **Advocate** for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights
2. Provide **strategic leadership and operations guidance** for the asylum seeker response effort
3. Operationalize the **Welcoming City Ordinance** across city departments and agencies
4. Promote **long-term integration** of immigrants, migrants, and refugees into the life of Chicago through multi-sector partnerships and coalitions
5. Share **resources and accurate information** about immigration policy and immigrant integration



Chicago is a resettlement city.

By investing in each of these areas we are improving Chicago's community infrastructure.

Short Term: Basic and urgent needs

- Mutual Aid Rapid Response
- In-Kind Donations
- Food Insecurity- Meals and Water
- Staffing & Volunteer Coordination
- Medical and Education Supports

Mid-term: Improving Shelter System and Resettlement

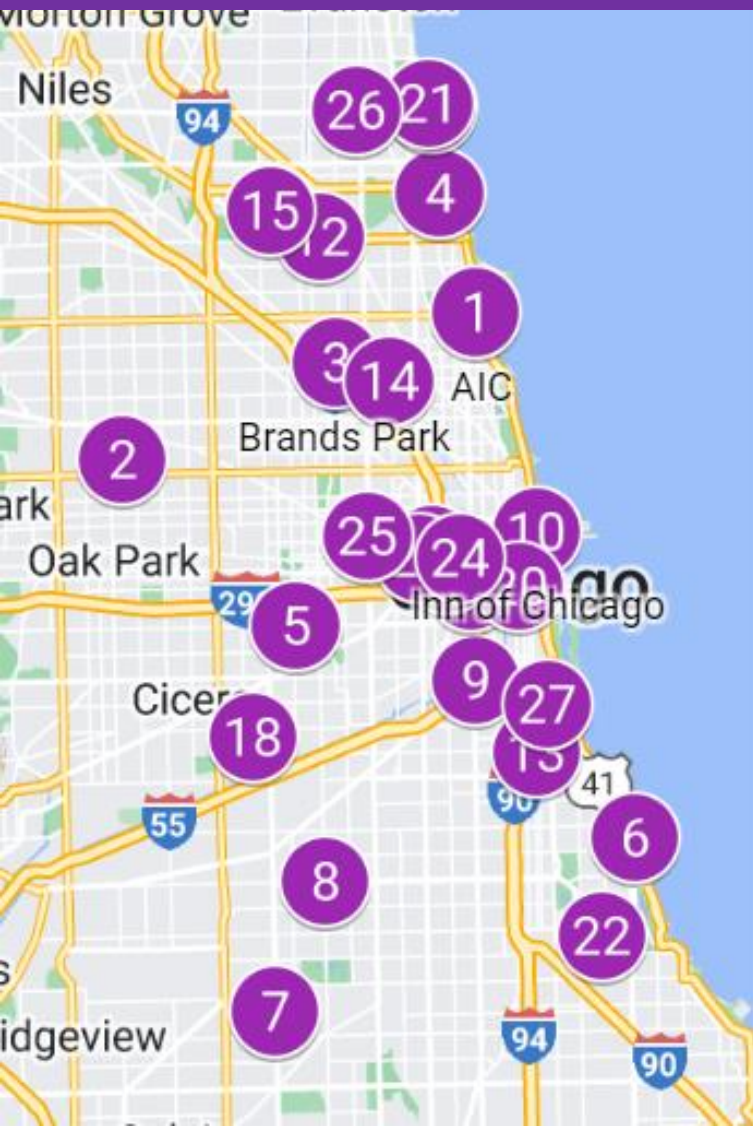
- Shelter and community safety
- Social Emotional Supports
- Recreational and wellness activities
- Expanded Medical care
- English classes
- Funding faith-based and other shelter providers

Long-term: Resettlement and Community Integration

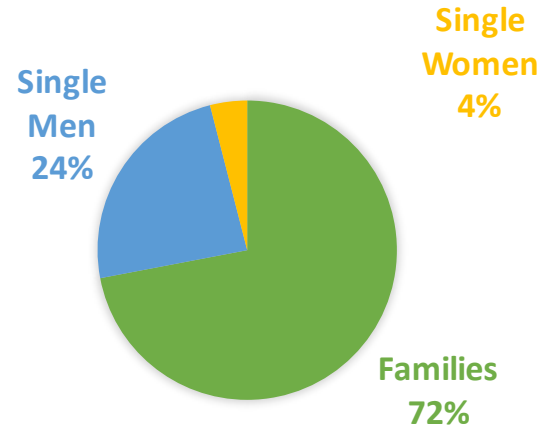
- Legal aid and work authorization
- Workforce development training
- Community integration
- Housing Models
- Sustained educational supports

- **Advocacy and community organizing**
- **Capacity-building and Staffing**
- **Cross-sector Coordination**

New Arrivals Shelter Map



Current Shelters Overview



Current Census: 11,692

Total Shelters: 24

Wards with Shelters: 19

Current Beds Needed: 3,317

- 2,815 at CPD Police Districts
- 501 at ORD
- 1 at MDW

Total Buses this past week

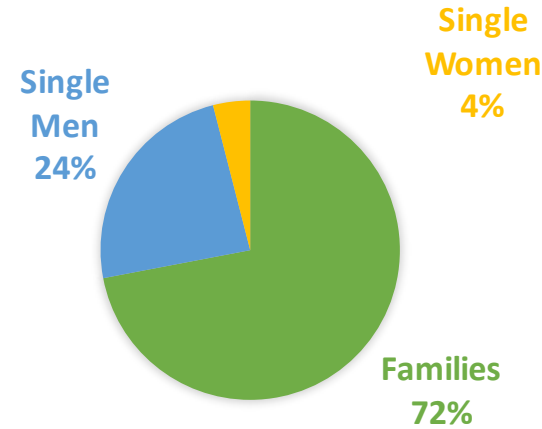
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New Arrivals Shelter Map



Current Shelters Overview



Current Census: 12,242
Total Shelters: 25
Wards with Shelters: 19

Current Beds Needed: 2,403

- 1,831 at CPD Police Districts
- 572 at ORD
- 0 at MDW

Total Buses this past week
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Total New Arrivals Responsible For: ~15,000

New Arrivals Numbers as of November 14, 2023, in the last 24 hours.

- There are **12,242** residents in **25** active shelters.
- Total awaiting placement: **1,846**
- **1,444** waiting in CPD districts, **402** at O’Hare, and **0** at Midway.

- Chicago has received over **21,200** new arrivals since the mission began.
- **495** Buses have arrived in Chicago Since, August 31, 2022
- **394** Buses have arrived in Chicago since Jan 1, 2023
- **385** Buses have arrived in Chicago since May 12, 2023
- **1** Bus arrived yesterday, November 13, 2023
- **2+** Buses arrived today, November 14, 2023

•NOTE: The census numbers are updated daily and can fluctuate due to resettlement, finding housing independently, onward movement, among other factors. Additionally, the bus numbers are fluid and can change.

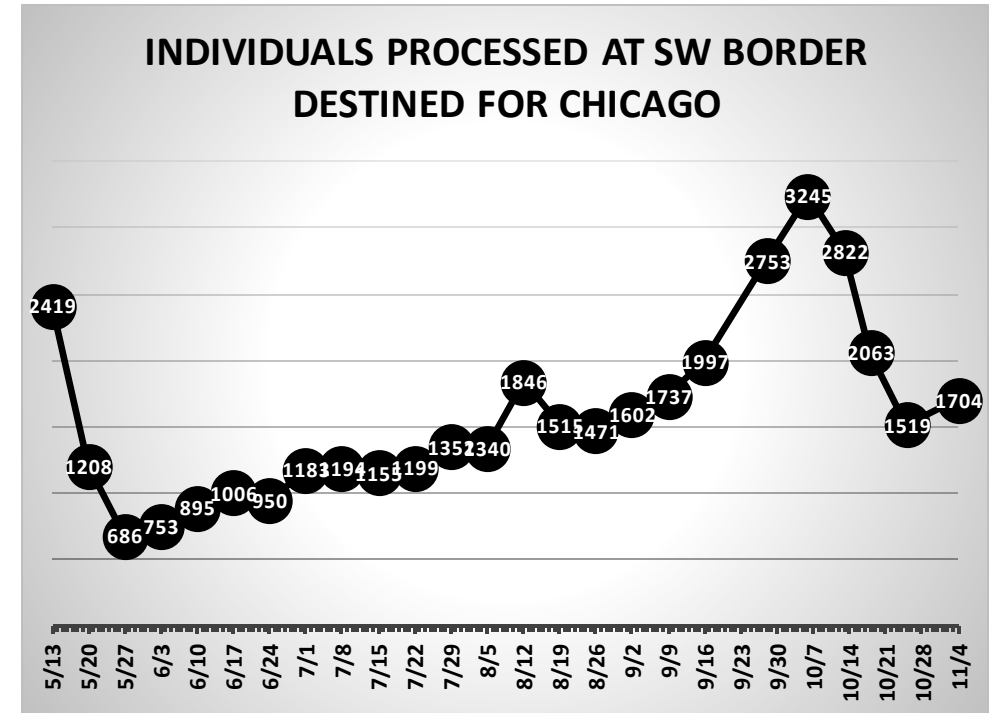
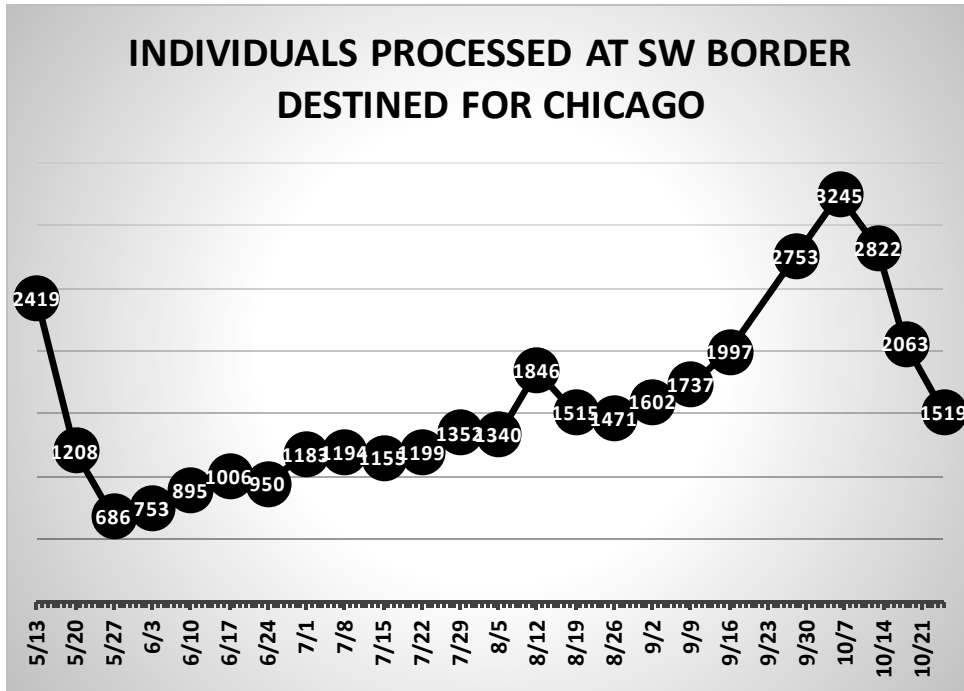
From November 1 – 15, we placed **1,650** individuals in shelter.

We are **currently averaging 350** individuals exiting our system due to outmigration and resettlement efforts

Total number of beds by next Tuesday around **650**.

Continued **collaboration with mutual aid and CBOs** to coordinate transportation from police stations to shelters.

Continued **conversation with CCH** on expanding services.



For the week ending **October 21, 2023**, according to the weekly DHS report, **1,519** noncitizens provided an intended destination of the Chicagoland area, down from **2,063** last week.

For the week ending **November 4, 2023**, according to the weekly DHS report, **1,704** noncitizens provided an intended destination of the Chicagoland area.

- Catholic Charities monthly resettlement :
 - September: 350 households (approx. 763 individuals)
 - October: 500 households (approx. 1,090 individuals)
- Per Catholic Charities, the average time from their initial client contact to moving into long-term housing is **2-3 months**



- Base Camp Tent sites
 - 38th and California
 - 115th and Halsted
- Incoming brick and mortar shelter
 - Multiple locations under assessment
 - One shelter opening next week
- Emergency Respite Shelters
 - Places of faith



Incoming Winter Weather Planning

- Continue utilization of CTA warming buses with incoming inclement weather (21 buses)
- Utilize Park District and Library facilities during daytime as needed (flyer going out this week)
- Cold Weather Clothing – working with philanthropy and community-based organizations
- OEMC Citywide Winter Weather Workshop held on 11/14



Photos by Chicago Tribune

Warming buses are provided by the CTA at 21 police district locations.

- An estimated 11,000 migrants in Chicago are eligible for work permits.
- In a partnership between city, state, and federal governments, a pilot project offering immigrant asylum-seekers the ability to apply for work permits begins in Chicago.
- On 11/9, in collaboration with State, City, sister agencies, delegate agencies, and USCIS, 150 new arrivals submitted their applications for TPS or EAD
- Ongoing workshops from November through early 2024 to capture people that are eligible for TPS and EADs
- Coming up: Call to Action for volunteers



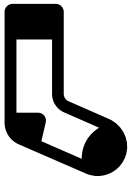
The city will collaborate with external partners, volunteers and community-based organizations to provide blankets, coats and other necessities.



Coats/Hoodies



Blankets



Socks



Beanies/Hats



Shoes



Lunch and Dinner



Photos by Chicago Tribune



New Life Centers is working directly with the City of Chicago and Illinois Department of Human Services to move an estimated 500 families per week from shelters into permanent housing a month. The need is only expected to grow. New Life Centers will continue the effort until shelters are decompressed.

New Life Centers is asking for donations of gently used and new furniture, winter clothing, and other essential hygiene items. Cradles to Crayons® Chicago is collecting new and gently used clothing in all sizes on behalf of New Life Centers. The Chicago Furniture Bank is collecting new and gently used furniture. All items will be provided to unhoused individuals and families, including newcomers, free of charge. Winter coats and other furniture can also be dropped off at New Life Centers at 4401 W. Ogden Ave Chicago IL 60623 Financial donations are being accepted here:

<https://give.newlifecenters.org/campaign/welcome-hope/c466937>

More info on the program can be found at www.NewVecinos.com



Cradles to Crayons Chicago is partnering with New Life Centers to provide clothing, shoes, and basic essential items for new arrivals. Cradles to Crayons Chicago is the only large-scale organization addressing clothing insecurity: the lack of access to affordable, adequate, and appropriate clothing. The organization provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive through their service partners. In order to fulfill the need in Chicago, they need donations of gently used clothing, shoes, and winter coats as well as new socks, underwear, and pajamas.

Find a local drop-off location near you: [Find a Local Drop-Off - Cradles to Crayons - Chicago](#)

Or shop their Amazon Wish List: [Amazon.com](#)



For residents and organizations interested in making a quick and direct impact, Instituto del Progreso Latino is now accepting monetary donations to purchase items for new arrivals in bulk. Donations can be made on their website by visiting [this link](#)

Amazon Wish List

Additionally, residents can purchase items directly from an Amazon Wish List set up in partnership with Instituto del Progreso Latino. This Wish List is regularly updated to meet the needs of new arrivals in the City's shelters and respite facilities. You can find the Wish List by clicking [Rapid Response Wish List on Amazon](#) or at [InstitutoChicago.org](#)



One Warm Coat®

One Warm Coat is a national nonprofit organization that provides free coats to children and adults in need while promoting volunteerism and environmental sustainability. Chicago residents can find a place to donate coats near them by searching by zip code here: onewarmcoat.org/share-warmth/donate-coats/ or can register to hold a coat drive here: onewarmcoat.org/share-warmth/hold-a-coat-drive/ In addition, One Warm Coat is coordinating donations of new outerwear for migrant families in Chicago through its Zero Waste Initiative. One Warm Coat is also accepting monetary donations (minimum of \$5,000) to purchase new coats at wholesale prices



Chicago Furniture Bank In partnership with New Life Centers, the Chicago Furniture Bank is providing furniture to new arrivals resettling into permanent housing. Chicago Furniture Bank is also the largest provider of free furniture to Chicago's unhoused population. In order to sustain their current operation, they need your help. Spread the word among your constituents and encourage them to donate extra furniture to our unhoused neighbors, including new arrivals!

Request Form to Schedule Furniture Pick-Up: <https://www.chicagofurniturebank.org/pickups>

Donation Drop-offs: 4801 S Whipple St, Chicago, IL, 60632 (Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm) More information: <https://www.chicagofurniturebank.org/>

MUTUAL AID

Mutual Aid is a form of public and political participation for neighborhoods, organizations and groups of all sizes. They provide an avenue for looking after and tending to each other's health and well-being to create more livable, sustainable environments. The process and goal of mutual aid is to create accessible and collective care by accepting and sharing mutual responsibility within one's community space. Mutual aid networks across the city have mobilized to fill the gaps at our police stations.

- **Community Care Collective 33**
 - Community Care Collective is made up of engaged community members, grassroots organizations, faith-based organizations, and elected officials working together to build a community based on mutual aid and collective care. They formed around supporting the needs of new arrivals staying at the 17th precinct. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **PSRT**
 - The Chicago Police Station Response Team is a network of volunteers meeting the needs of recently arrived asylum seekers sheltering in police stations. PSRT has organized to meet needs for food, bedding, and supplies as well as connecting new arrivals to medical services and showers. PSRT is in every police station across the city, with more than 150 volunteers. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **The Mobile Migrant Health Team**
 - Throughout the summer, MMHT's responsibilities have grown and their teams have been entrusted by the City of Chicago to address a few emergent situations: They are the first and only medical team to have provided care to the hundreds of migrants currently living at O'Hare airport. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Home Away From Home Center**
 - Led by Pastor Kenneth Phelps, the mission of the Home Away From Home Center is to welcome people in the Woodlawn community fleeing the effects of war, violence, persecution, and political disruption – whether they are displaced within their country of origin or across a border into a neighboring country, to integrate into our society. To learn more about their efforts, see [here](#).
- **19th Ward Mutual Aid - Neighbors Helping Neighbors**
 - 19Aid supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. The 19th Ward Mutual Aid group began in May 2020 to address the needs of neighbors that were left behind in the pandemic. Volunteers reached out food sources to establish a food pantry at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. To learn more about their efforts and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Turpin Cares**
 - Turpin Cares supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. It was founded by Olive Rogers and Greg Owen-Boger, friends and neighbors in the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago. The name Turpin Cares comes from Turpin Communication, which originally funded the project. To learn more about their efforts, see [here](#).
- **OCAD**
 - Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) is a group of undocumented, unapologetic, and unafraid organizers building a resistance movement against deportations and the criminalization of immigrants and people of color in Chicago and surrounding areas. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Edna White Community Garden**
 - At Edna White Community Garden supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. They believe in nurturing both the plants and the people who tend to them. By pooling their resources and sharing their knowledge, they amplify their impact and provide a comprehensive network of support for those who have sought refuge among us. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Nuevos Vecinos Ayuda General Support - Open Collective**
 - To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Hyde Park Refugee Project**
 - The Hyde Park Refugee Project is a local southside non-profit organization supporting refugees and asylum seekers in our community. They launched several migrant support programs this fall, and are working together with community partners to provide access to food, services, education, and support programming. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).

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- **Mission:** Ensures every Chicago area child, ages 0-5, has the essential items they need to support their health and development and equip them for a strong start.
- **Drop off location:** 3750 N. Kilbourn Ave
- **Accepted items list (complete list online):**
 - Baby Soap, Lotion, Diaper Cream
 - Baby Washcloths
 - Bibs
 - Bottles & Sippy Cups
 - Burp Cloths
 - Combs & Brushes
 - Diapers & Pull Ups (all sizes, open packs accepted)
 - Formula & Baby Food (unopened & unexpired)
 - Nursing Supplies: Pads, Tubing, Milk Bags, etc.
 - Pacifiers & Teething Toys
 - Period & Perineal Products (open packs accepted)
 - Wipes (unopened)

- **Meals RFP**
 - Proposals due Thursday, November 22nd
 - Up to two awards with opportunity for subcontracting to local caterers and restaurants
- **Shelter Operations RFP**
 - The RFP closed on Friday, October 6th
 - Update: Beginning phase 2 of the RFP evaluation with oral presentations for 19 proposals representing 7 agencies across 11 sites.
 - Targeting award recommendations by November 13th

Coordinated federal advocacy with County, State, Illinois Congressional delegation, and external partners to reduce the financial and operational burdens, and to secure increased funding that will cover comprehensive sheltering and resettlement work in Illinois. ***Five core asks:***

1. Nationwide coordination of resettlement to receiving cities/States with a single federal leader,
2. Donated use of Federal land and buildings for sheltering throughout Illinois such as military bases and training facilities,
3. Flexible use of federal funding for sheltering operations and overall expenses.
4. Resources and technical assistance for expedited Temporary Protective Status (TPS) and employment authorization document (EAD) processing, and
5. Expansion of TPS and EAD for all non-citizens

Policy specific

- Waive fees for work authorization requests
- Improve backlog on asylum applications and workforce authorization request

President Biden's supplemental budget requests **\$1.4 Billion** for state and local governments providing food, shelter, and other services to new arrivals.

Our ask, along with Mayors from a border city/interior city coalition, is for the President to increase that funding to **\$5 Billion.

We hope that all of you will work to ensure that local and state governments receive the most amount of funding possible, and advocate specifically for Chicago to be a primary recipient.

1. Establish Shelter and resettlement hubs in at least two other municipalities directly supported and operated by the State
2. Increase Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP) to \$50M
3. Additional Support for Chicago Public Schools
 - Increased STLS services for all students
 - Additional resources and flexibility in licensing of Bilingual educators
 - Expedite existing capital projects and new construction for replacement purposes
4. Create sustainable funding stream for Chicago to cover costs from shelter to resettlement services.

Designation as Sanctuary City - R2023-0004224

- [Submission of public question by referendum to Chicago voters at March 19, 2024 election on whether Chicago should continue its designation as Sanctuary City](#)
- [Referendum question text](#)
- Introduced on 11/4/2023, deferred and published to City Council
- 13 co-sponsors

Repeal of Municipal Code Chapter 2-173

- Introduced on 11/7/2023 and assigned to Committee of Immigrant and Refugee rights
- Quinn, O2023-0005848 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Budget Committee)
- Tabares, O2023-0005842 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Public Safety Committee)
- Napolitano, O2023-0005841 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Public Safety Committee)
- Reilly, O2023-0005844 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Public Safety Committee)
- Sposato, O2023-0005845 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Rules Committee)
- Beale, O2023-0005843 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee)
- Lopez, O2023-0005847 Repeal of Municipal Code Ch. 2-173 - Welcoming City Ordinance (Ref'd to Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee)

Shelter Limits past 12 months

- [Establishment of policy prohibiting property owned by city and used as shelter for migrants to continue such use beyond 12 months](#)
- Introduced on 11/9/2023 and assigned to Committee on Budget and Government Operations
- 4 co-sponsors

- **Donate or Volunteer**

- With mutual aid groups helping at police districts
- Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- Winter items (new preferred) dropped off at **4401 W. Ogden** (Mon-Friday, 8AM-5PM)
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)

- **Recommend Sites for Shelters or Apartments**

Suggest potential shelters or rental units

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action





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Thank you for your partnership.