



## Application for the Associate Board

Thank you for your interest Housing Forward's Associate Board. We are glad you are interested in being part of our work to end homelessness.

### About Housing Forward

Housing Forward is a recognized leader in suburban Cook County offering a coordinated response that allows people experiencing a housing crisis to quickly resolve their situation. We offer comprehensive, wrap-around support from the onset of a financial or housing crisis to its resolution, preventing homelessness whenever possible, and providing permanent, stable housing for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Housing Forward's programs are designed as interventions tailored to the immediate needs of the presenting individual or family household based on their point of engagement with us. We have developed a three-pronged strategy for addressing housing crisis and ending homelessness:

- **Prevent:** Keeping people in their homes is the best approach to the prevention of homelessness. We mitigate the loss of housing to avoid the trauma of eviction and homelessness. We also build strategic partnerships that work to reduce the flow of people entering the homeless system.
- **Respond:** We identify and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness with basic needs like safety, food, and shelter, then link them to services to begin resolving their crisis immediately. We work to align a community, and its programs and services, around one common goal—to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.
- **Stabilize:** We end homelessness one person at a time through housing. Safe, stable housing is the foundation on which clients become self-sufficient and rebuild their confidence so they can not only live, but thrive in their community.

Housing Forward offers a wide array of crisis responses and longer-term housing options including interim housing, rapid-rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and long-term rental support for 500+ individuals annually. Housing Forward also offers on-going case management, housing location and pre tenancy services, an employment readiness program, street outreach, and a homeless prevention program that offers financial assistance, diversion, and

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**Our Vision:** the end of homelessness

**Our Mission:** to transition people from housing crisis to housing stability

**Our Values:**

- client-centered services delivered with dignity and respect
- collaborative relationships
- open communication and information-sharing
- community support
- integrity, passion, perseverance and the pursuit of excellence in our work

If you'd like more information about what we do, visit our website or Facebook page.

- [www.housingforward.org](http://www.housingforward.org)
- [facebook.com/HousingForward](https://facebook.com/HousingForward)

## **About the Associate Board**

The Associate Board is a group of dynamic, emerging professionals that help increase awareness about homelessness in west suburban Cook County and raise funds to support the mission of Housing Forward. They are activists. Along with the staff of Housing Forward, their pursuit to resolve homelessness for those we serve, by all means and resources available, is what unifies and empowers them to excel. The Associate Board hosts a yearly event in October and further supports Housing Forward's mission through social events, volunteer recruitment, fundraisers, and volunteer service projects. In addition to developing skills and broadening professional and social circles, you'll be part of an exciting and passionate team focused on the vision to end homelessness.

## **Associate Board members**

Attend monthly meetings as well as event planning sessions, 1-year minimum commitment

- \$250 financial commitment (give or get) through sponsorships, attending events, getting guests to attend events, etc.
- Participate in the implementation and fundraising efforts of one event yearly, at minimum
- Serve as ambassadors in the community and connections to resources

Now that you know a little about us, it's time for us to learn about YOU.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your personal/professional experiences that are relevant to your participation on the Associate Board.

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Please describe any previous board experience or leadership positions you have held.

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What other organizations are you involved in now, or have you been involved in recently, such as volunteer groups, church or social groups, etc.)?

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Is there any additional information you would like to share?

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Please attach a copy of your resume and any other information you'd like to add that might assist us in the evaluation of your application. All materials can be faxed or emailed to:

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