



Housing Forward works to end homelessness in west suburban Cook County. We are dedicated to making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring for residents of this community. We **prevent** homelessness whenever possible, **respond** to housing crises, and **stabilize** residents facing homelessness with permanent housing.

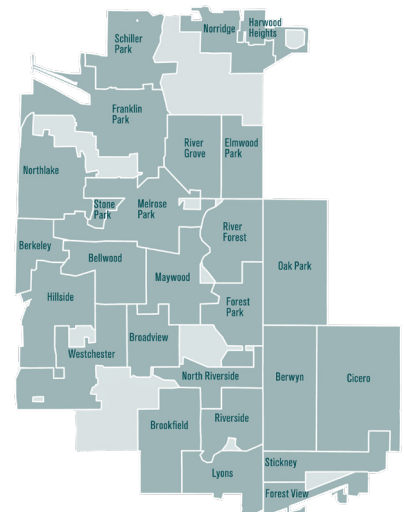
# MEDICAL RESPITE

Medical Respite provides people experiencing homelessness who are hospitalized with a safe, stable place to recuperate. This program improves patient outcomes, reduces hospital readmissions, and connects patients with ongoing primary care.

Medical Respite provides short-term residential and rehabilitative medical care for patients experiencing homelessness. The program supports individuals who are too ill to recover from a physical illness or injury while living in a shelter or on the street, but who are not sick enough to require hospitalization.

We have two Medical Respite programs. The RISE Center is our partnership with Cook County Health, and it is located on the first floor of our Interim Housing program. The other Medical Respite program is Sojourner House, our partnership with our partnership with MacNeal Hospital/Loyola Medicine.

All program participants receive case management services, in addition to medical care provided by our partner organizations. Case management is designed to help people define a plan for their post-respite housing and then connect them to the resources they need to succeed.



People exiting the Medical Respite Program can receive housing throughout west suburban Cook County.



We provided **8,763** nights of housing



The average length of stay was **96** days



We served **91** people

# ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Means addressing it at all levels, from the possibility of a housing crisis to its permanent resolution. Here is our approach.

The most humane, cost-effective solution to homelessness is stopping it before it happens. We do this through diversion case management and financial assistance.



Safe, stable housing is the foundation on which people become self-sufficient and rebuild their confidence so they can not only live in but thrive in their community.

We identify and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness with basic needs like shelter, safety and food. Then we link them to services to begin resolving their crisis immediately.

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