



Have a Heart Gala

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities



Friday, February 28th 2025

6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner & Program

Bridgeport Art Center - Skyline Loft
1200 W. 35th St., Chicago, IL 60609

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Housing Forward, we are thrilled to invite you to our 27th annual Have a Heart Gala at the Bridgeport Art Center on Friday, February 28, 2025. This will be a new venue and we'll be celebrating earlier in the year, returning to February. The Have a Heart Gala is our signature event, uniting 400 volunteers, donors, sponsors, and guests to raise vital funds to support our comprehensive services.

We have an audacious vision – to end homelessness. For more than three decades, we have been a leading provider of emergency safety net assistance and supportive housing in west suburban Cook County. Every year, our programming impacts more than 2,100 people who face some level of housing insecurity or homelessness. Housing Forward works to prevent homelessness whenever possible, respond to housing crises, and stabilize people with supportive services and housing.

Over the past year, we have seen a troubling 13 percent increase in homelessness and a staggering 58 percent rise in the number of unsheltered individuals in suburban Chicago. With the end of COVID-era funding, eviction protections, and housing programs, the challenges have only intensified. To meet the growing needs of our community, Housing Forward needs private investment to support our mission.

Your event sponsorship will keep more people in their homes through emergency financial assistance, provide more people with a safe place to sleep in our emergency overnight shelter, and sustain 270 units of supportive housing where people can stabilize, live, and thrive, in our community.

We appreciate your consideration in helping us meet the critical needs of suburban residents who lack the resources to address their housing crisis.

Sincerely,



Lynda Schueler
Chief Executive Officer

2025 Sponsorship Packages

Presenting

\$20,000

10 tickets

Above title placement in all communications
Podium recognition
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Keystone

\$15,000

10 tickets

Premier placement in all communications
Podium recognition
Inclusion in the invitation
Custom branding opportunity

Pillar

\$10,000

8 tickets

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Custom branding opportunity

Cornerstone

\$5,000 6 tickets

Podium recognition
Inclusion in the invitation
Standard placement in all communications

Foundation

\$2,500 4 tickets

Inclusion in the invitation
Standard placement in all communications

Mainstay

\$1,250 2 tickets

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Standard placement in all communications

Supporting

\$750 2 tickets

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Your sponsorship will directly impact thousands of people who rely on our services every year. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at the 27th Annual Have a Heart Gala!



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