



(L) The single-room occupancy Jonquil Hotel is the temporary home to New Life Interim Shelter residents and a lifesaving affordable home to others. It is the only SRO in the city that allows families. *Photo by Bob Kitsos* (R) Last year a community member and friends collected more than 10 boxes of new clothing items for New Life residents. Second from left is Christina Calderon, director of development, Good News Partners. Third from left is Ernesta Williams, resident coordinator supervisor, New Life Interim Housing.

Pandemic has intensified need for volunteers, funds and resources for area homeless

New Life aims to restore hope, dignity and community

BY BOB AND JOANNE KITSOS

Standing in the one-room, 1920's-era converted auto shop in Rogers Park, it may be difficult to imagine it as a renovated New Life Interim Shelter.

But it's easy for Kenn Johnson, executive director of Good News Partners [GNP], to visualize the renovated shelter with 40 beds for individuals who are homeless or in immediate crisis. GNP is the parent organization of New Life Interim Shelter.

GNP was founded in 1976 by Bud Ogle to support youth in Rogers Park. The community development organization is committed to providing access to affordable housing, economic development and education to those in need transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

New Life is the smallest and one of the few family shelters in the city; there are only two others on the North Side. Families – generally women with children -- who were previously housed in the shelter have been temporarily relocated to another nearby property until New Life is renovated. “We mostly serve South Side residents who are directed to us [from 311] to get out of the environment they’re currently in,” Johnson said.

Johnson said renovations will include air conditioning, all new electrical and plumbing, six private and ADA-approved bathrooms, a new kitchen, computer lab, a case management office and kids’ playroom.

Cost of the renovation is expected to be about \$800,000; initial funds for the project were raised by church partners, corporate businesses and individuals. In addition, GNP took out a loan to fund some of the renovation and continues to fundraise

for the project as cost of materials has increased during the pandemic.

The pandemic has intensified the need for volunteers and made fundraising more difficult. “We haven’t been able to have as many events in person which has always been a great way to get our neighbors and partners involved,” said Christina Calderon, director of development for GNP.

Partners offer support

New Life partners with various organization to help residents with job training skills and counseling to support them as they rebuild their lives. Howard Area Community Center offers GED classes, computer skills and connections to domestic violence advocates. Garrett Evangelical Seminary and graduate students from Spring Tree Counseling provide group and one-on-one therapy.

New Life also partners with C24/7, a north-of-Howard community organization; and Chicago HOPES for Kids to provide after-school programming and events. Other partnering organizations are Greater Chicago Food Depository; Chicago Recovering Communities Coalition for residents who are struggling with recovery; and Heartland Alliance for health-related services.

Johnson also praised the efforts of Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] and former Ald. Joe Moore for supporting the shelter and serving as excellent resources.

Calderon cited a recent example of assistance offered by GNP and its community partners to support New Life residents. She said, “An undocumented Venezuelan woman and her five-year-old son came to us that had been caught up in the middle of the country’s border crisis.

“The mother had been separated from her son and were finally reunited,” she con-



Kenneth Johnson is executive director of Good News Partners, a community development organization that owns and manages New Life Interim Shelter. More than 40 years ago Good News Partners chose the area north of Howard St. to build a community that includes affordable housing.

Photo courtesy of Good News Partners

tinued. “They are now homeless, staying in New Life, speak no English and are trying to become citizens.

“The team at GNP is very diverse. We have Spanish-speaking personnel who have been communicating with her and trying to help her feel welcome and at home while she’s adrift in a homeless situation and having no documentation. We have enrolled her son in school and are bringing her to court to try and help with her citizenship status.”

Volunteer, material needs

Calderon says that volunteers always are needed to help with painting, meal preparation and administrative tasks, “During the summer we had landscaping teams help us

beautify our front lawns and service teams help us put together beds and paint rooms,” she said. During various holidays, many churches provided meals and activities for families residing in the shelter.

Residents who leave the shelter often move to another one of GNP’s properties, a single-room occupancy hotel in Rogers Park. “These rooms are always in need of paints,” Calderon said. “To fix up rooms, we need vinyl-floating flooring, lighting and plumbing fixtures and door hardware. We also can always use 18 cubic-foot refrigerators, gas stoves and small microwaves.”

Renovation needs continue with structural projects as well. “We desire to create new partnerships with local business to help with roofing, tuck-pointing, windows, door and carpenters,” she said.

GNP has other long-term needs that would provide additional services to its residents, such as a dedicated social worker or case manager. “A majority of our residents have trauma from being homeless and struggle with different types of mental illness,” Calderon said. “We also want to be able to provide more housing support to our residents by offering home and senior care.”

As an example, she cited a current situation with a mother of three autistic children. Her husband died recently, and the family became homeless after a fire in their home. “They desperately need home care services for the children because it’s too hard for the mom to take care of three kids with special needs,” Calderon said.

Kelvin Johnson, program director, New

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Once renovated – without the carport – New Life Interim Shelter will house 40 individuals who are homeless or in immediate crisis. Neighbors, partners, churches, and others have donated supplies and are involved in fundraising to rejuvenate this much-needed emergency shelter.

Photo by Bob Kitsos

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Life Interim Shelter, said, “We’re struggling to get help from different agencies for mental health support. There is a mental health crisis in our city and not enough support for families. So, it can be a real challenge for us to find agencies that have time or people to assist families like this.”

Johnson manages the property currently housing residents until the shelter has been renovated. The property is a single-room occupancy hotel [SPO] owned by GNP; it is the only SRO in Chicago that allows families to live together. “This renovation will enable us to provide dignified

housing for mothers and their children,” Johnson said. “It will provide a clean, safe haven for families in trauma as well as improved space for counseling and support services.”

Minimum stay at the shelter is 120 days. However, if a family needs to stay longer, the shelter accommodates them. Ideally, with support provided by GNP, individuals are able to move into the SRO.

Calderson said the SRO type of transitional housing is sorely needed. She said, “Thousands of people would become homeless because people can’t afford a one-bedroom on a fixed income in the city right now. Not only can peo-

How to obtain assistance

Call Chicago City Services at 311 or 312-744-5000. If you are homeless and need shelter, tell the operator that you are homeless and in need of shelter. According to Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, if you do not get a referral when calling the 311 help line, hit “O” to reach an operator. This is the only way to reach an operator outside of regular hours, which are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The operator will check to see which shelter has space. If there is none available, you will be told to go to the nearest warming center, hospital or police station to wait until one becomes available. If there is

room at a shelter, a mobile dispatch team will come in a van to pick up the family and drop them off at a shelter.

If you are housed but concerned that you may lose your housing, tell the operator you need “short term help.” Callers will be transferred to a Homelessness Prevention Call Center. The provider may be able to assist you in applying for a homeless prevention grant. The center is housed and operated by Catholic Charities, with services available in multiple languages.

Callers with hearing problems can access TTY equipment at 312-948-6817.

ple working full-time minimum-wage jobs not afford housing, but there also aren’t enough housing options for people.”

Housing crisis

The need for emergency shelters, affordable and transitional housing such as single-room occupancies is indisputable.

According to Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, an estimated 58,273 people were experiencing homelessness in Chicago in 2019,

immediately prior to the pandemic outbreak. The COVID-19 pandemic is pushing many Chicagoans into homelessness, but just how many is still unknown.

Most of Chicago’s permanent housing resources for those experiencing homelessness do not include those temporarily staying with others in their eligibility criteria. Also, most families experiencing homelessness were moving frequently between motels, cars, trains, and doubling

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late from the shell made the drink thicker and richer than a standard dry mix,” he says. “I’d definitely recommend stirring in some good quality melted dark chocolate to your next cup.”

Katherine Duncan, owner of Logan Square-based Katherine Anne Confections, known for thick hot chocolate and truffles, likes to eat chocolate bars. She likes to look at how the bars are constructed, paying attention to both the packaging and how the chocolate was made. She generally prefers thinner bars, though they tend to be harder to transport

without breaking.

When Duncan goes to new chocolate places, she always tries the house specialty and the hazelnut truffle.

Like Draper, Duncan also gravitates toward dark milk chocolate. She is a fan of bars with 60-70% cocoa content. She also likes candy bars like those made by Chicago-based Jitterbug Sweets – run by Marianna Reynolds full-time as well as a part-time employee of Duncan’s – with nougaty, crunchy, and caramel layers.

“She always has really fun combinations,” Duncan says of Reynolds. “I love different

textures and contrasts. I like that soft, crunchy, and then kind of juicy components altogether.”

So that’s a taste of Chicagoland chocolatiers’ and pastry chefs’

thoughts on the way they like to enjoy chocolate. Go forth this Valentine’s Day and try something new!

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 -v- KEITH GREENBERG, HANNAH M. GREENBERG, PRATT DU LAC CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC., MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants 21 CH 4138 1144 W. PRATT BLVD., UNIT GS CHICAGO, IL 60626 NOTICE OF SALE
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 Commonly known as 1144 W. PRATT BLVD., UNIT GS, CHICAGO, IL 60626 Property Index No. 11-32-202-028-1013 (11-32-202-014-0000 UNDERLYING PIN)
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Case # 21 CH 4138
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 -v- ATANDA MUSA, 2045 WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, 2045 W. MORSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 17CH16539 2049 W MORSE AVE APT 1W CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE
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 The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse.
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and

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 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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 -v- BARBARA YOHNKA; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CLANCY BIRCHWOOD CONDO ASSOCIATION; Defendants, 19 CH 14823 NOTICE OF SALE
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 P.I.N. 11-30-303-067-1004. Commonly known as 7438 N. OAKLEY AVE., UNIT G, CHICAGO, IL 60645.
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