



THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER



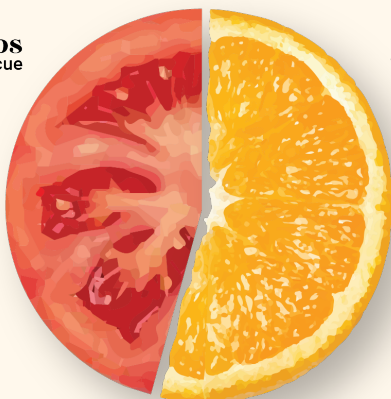
The Friendship Center (TFC) fosters hope and dignity in Chicago's northwest side communities through access to food and vital resources.

TFC provides access to short and long-term needs for those at risk of being food insecure. We are a welcoming, fresh food, full-choice pantry providing hot meals, home delivery, and pet food distributions and our food-rescue program is one of the largest in the city of Chicago. By assisting with SNAP applications and/or making referrals to our community nonprofit and healthcare partners, we can connect folks with job training, counseling, legal advice, and under insured healthcare to allow them to overcome other challenges they may be facing. TFC supports the food-insecure populations of Chicago's northwest side neighborhoods like Albany Park, Lincoln Square, North Park, Ravenswood, and West Ridge.

Amount of Food Provided

520,589 lbs from Food Rescue

621,637 lbs from Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)



1,142,226 lbs

TOTAL PEOPLE SUPPORTED

48,644

Referred by a local hospital after a surgical procedure, Agnes reached out to The Friendship Center to begin receiving home delivery. During a check-in call, Lena, our Public Benefits Manager, learned it was difficult for her to keep up with her increasing rent and to maneuver in her apartment. After assisting Agnes with her SNAP application, Lena coordinated support from a partner organization to help her move to a more accessible and affordable apartment.





One of our dedicated volunteers, David, served over 700 hours in 2023. He is often at the pantry every day that we are open for distribution, helping neighbors shop for groceries.

**12,500 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FROM 500 VOLUNTEERS**

**8,286**

**HOT MEALS SERVED**



**1,651**

**HOME DELIVERIES**

**5,144**

**PETS SERVED**

**719**

**VITAL RESOURCE APPOINTMENTS**

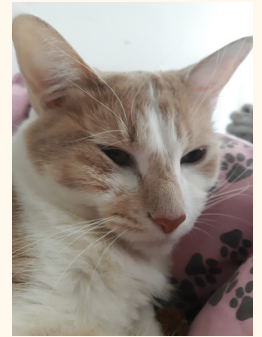
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**DAYS OPEN**

## PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES TO BOTH PEOPLE AND PETS

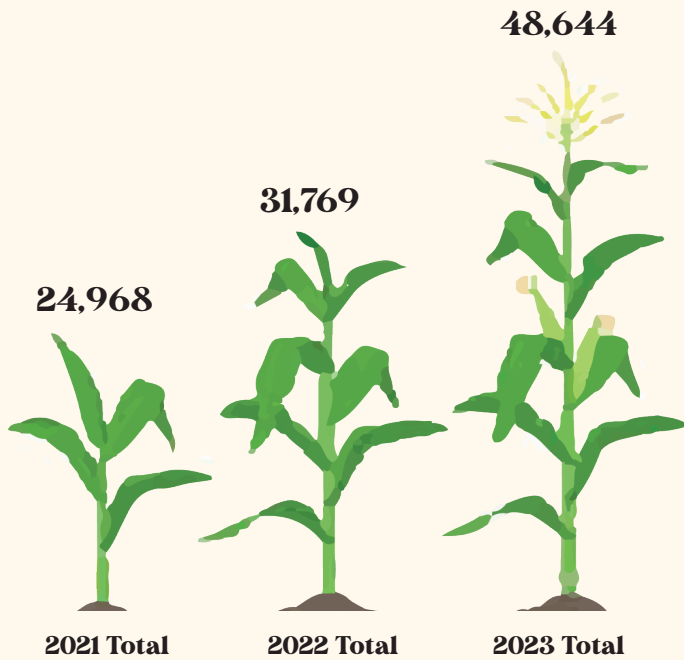


I donate to The Friendship Center because they provide vital services to both people and pets in such a respectful manner. You truly don't know who is in need or when. I also love how pets are not left out, because they are also very important family members as well.



A cat mama to three, Jessica, has needed the pet food pantry to help her provide for her cat babies. She also has found a sense of community amongst the other pet parents, volunteers, and staff at the pantry.

## NEIGHBORS SUPPORTED



### OUR TEAM

**Justin Block**  
Executive Director  
**Lauren Diaz**  
Development Manager  
**Alex Earley**  
Operations Manager, Grocery  
**Seth Kaplan**  
Van Driver  
**Karen Nevotti**  
Director of Operations  
**Catherine Norcott**  
Manager of Operations & Logistics  
**Lena Stein**  
Public Benefits Manager

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