



2015 ANNUAL REPORT





"Our family finally has a place we can call home, in a safe community and great schools for our son" - Lina & Louis, 29

*For over 30 years CHAD has been recognizing and addressing the* need for affordable housing and is the largest nonprofit provider of permanent affordable rental housing in Chicago's western suburbs. But housing is just the beginning. CHAD is about serving people and communities.

*When people can live in affordable housing and can live near where* they work, good things start to happen. With a new found stability, mental and physical health improves, children grow up in a stable environment, and they do better academically. Lives are changed for the better.

Behind all the statistics regarding the need for affordable housing, are *real people. Real people who want something better for themselves* and their family. That's why at CHAD we know that when we create, provide and sustain affordable housing, we're providing housing where adults and children with desires, hopes, dreams, ambition, love and success can live every day.

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# fact: 1,100 HAVE COME TRUE HOME.

CHAD has a waiting list of families and individuals in need of affordable housing right now.

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# **OUR** VISION

CHAD's vision is to be the national model on how to improve lives and communities by providing and maintaining affordable housing for every low-to moderate-income individual or family that needs it.

"I love my house and all my new friends. I even have a place to ride my bike"

#### Dear Friends of CHAD,

As the President and CEO of CHAD, it's my distinct pleasure to reflect on the past several years and confidently announce that we have entered into a new era of growth. In fact, 2016 will mark CHAD's largest ever single-year growth of affordable housing via acquisition and development.

By restructuring our debt through refinancing, selling an underperforming asset, and receiving support through sponsors and federal housing grants, CHAD is now in a financial position to significantly expand our housing portfolio. We recently acquired 30 new units within the City of Naperville and plans are underway to acquire upwards of 100 additional units this year and next.

In prior years, CHAD's focus had been on rehabilitating its existing portfolio of approximately 400 housing units to make all necessary life-safety upgrades and ensure the highest levels of quality. This has now been accomplished, enabling us to pursue exciting expansion plans.

I particularly want to mention several agencies, organizations and corporations that have been instrumental in our many successes. They include: The DuPage County Community Development Commission, from whom we received federal housing grant funding; The City of Naperville, from whom we received housing grant funds; the Glen Ellyn Infant Welfare Society for its continued generous support of our mission; FirstMerit Bank for partnering with us on a portfolio-wide refinance; West Suburban Bank and Wintrust Bank for their continued underwriting support; and finally, the Enterprise Corp. for its award of a Capital Needs Assessment Grant to better preserve the future quality of CHAD housing.

We're honored by the support we've received and thrilled that it has enabled us to better meet the affordable housing needs of the individuals and families we serve. At the end of the day, providing people with safe, aesthetically pleasing and affordable housing is the heart and soul of what we do. And as this report reflects, it's the personal relationships CHAD forges that is our greatest reward.

While CHAD is hard at work to exponentially grow the number of its affordable housing units, the number of individuals and families critically in need of that housing continues to grow. With that perspective, I wish to thank you for your past support and ask for your continued support so that CHAD can continue to make the western suburbs home to grateful families and healthy communities.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Worth, Esq. President and CEO

# fact:



CHAD gives children the stability they need to succeed.

# THANKS TO YOU

### GEORGE AND RHONDA: *Room to Grow (Revisited)*

Both George and his wife, Rhonda, served in the Army in their young adult lives. George was in the Special Services Division during the Vietnam War and then worked for UPS and RR Donnelly. Due to a corporate downsizing and the subsequent loss of income, they endured financial hardships that eventually led to the loss of their home.

They found themselves living in a tiny, cramped one-bedroom apartment with their two children and a third child on the way. George and Rhonda knew they needed to find a larger home. Thanks to CHAD they were able to find a more spacious home when they needed it most and the family moved into a ranch-style home in 2004.

Since then George and Rhonda have had three more children. "With a family of eight, we could have ended up living in different places. Who knows what could have happened to us," said George, who is now retired. "This house has given us complete stability."

George also compliments the CHAD staff for going above and beyond in establishing a meaningful and personal relationship. "It's more like a family than a landlord-tenant relationship. That's how it should be, because at some points during our relationship, we needed to come together to get things done."

#### *Many hands* make light work.

A soon-to-be CHAD residence could use your organization's help painting, repairing, cleaning, gardening and more!

> Gather your team and contact CHAD for volunteering and sponsorship opportunites.

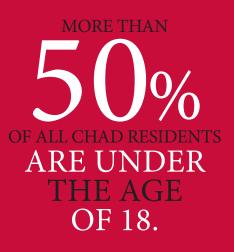


Our yard is big enough for family softball games. — George

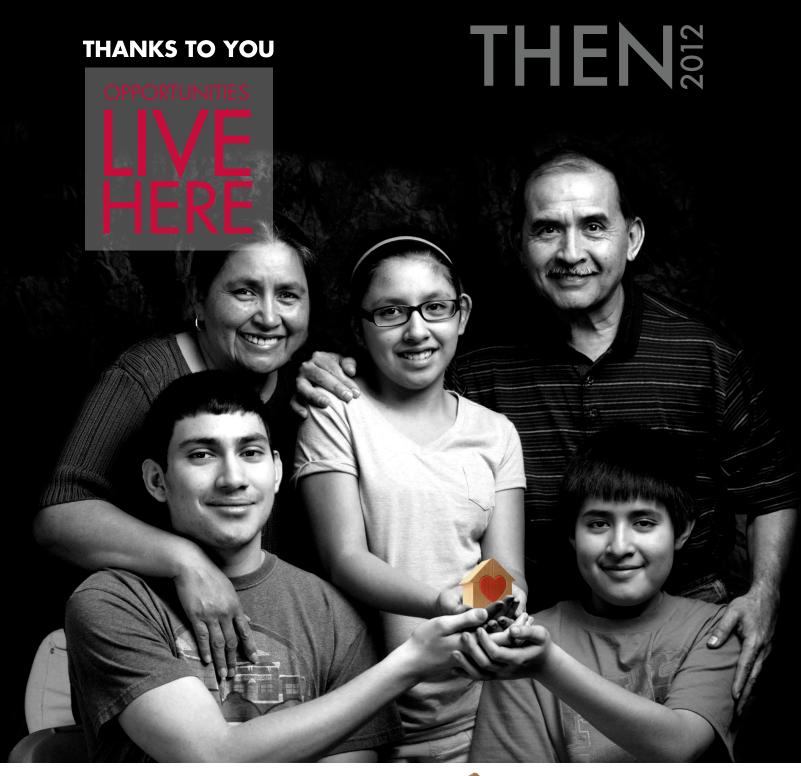
GEORGE AND RHONDA: All Together To George and Rhonda, "home" is a place where the family can grow together. Since all six of their children are homeschooled, home also has been a place for learning. And as their family has grown, so have their housing needs. CHAD responded by recently placing them in a larger home with more open space for being together and more personal space for studying and reflecting.

Their new home features a very large outdoor space, too. "It's big enough for family softball games. The boys pretend to go on safari adventures to the far corners of the yard," said George. That kind of creativity is not always possible when a family is under stress. Having a stable home life gives all of them the freedom to dream big.

# fact:



CHAD helps families *stay together.* 



## IRIS AND ANGEL: Hopeful and Driven.

A recent widow, mother of two young children and pregnant with twins, Iris came to the United States from Guatemala hoping for a much better life. While living with her sister, she began searching for housing options for her family. She participated in a two-year housing and mentoring program, during which she was always looking, hoping and working for something better and permanent.

Through a friend she learned about CHAD, applied for housing and was accepted. CHAD was able to place Iris and her four children in a four-bedroom townhouse in Wood Dale.

That was 10 years ago and Iris has never looked back. She has a job, has remarried and her children have grown and thrived in the local public schools. In an effort to give back, Iris gave up her housing voucher in 2011. "For me, that was a big step," she said. "I had it for nine and a half years. But we consider it an honor to work and to provide for our kids. It is sometimes hard, but there are other people who need it more than we do. We feel very rich and happy."

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Become a friend with us on our facebook page and stay up-to-date on all our great family-changing and community-changing happenings at Facebook.com/housingwithaheart



*My house is my home—where I have* so many memories of my children. — Iris

**NOW** 

IRIS AND ANGEL *Secure and Happy*  When asked about the difference between a house and home, Iris explained it beautifully, "My home is my home; it's not a house. A house is empty, with no love inside. Our home is where my kids have been growing up and it's full."



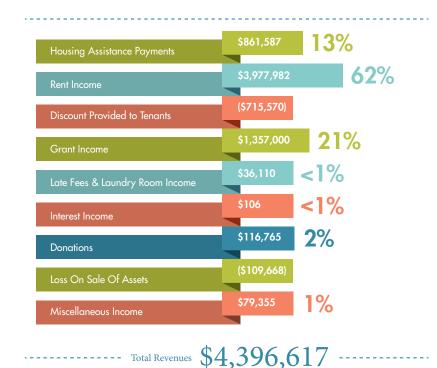
# fact:

A STABLE HOUSING ENVIRONMENT **INCREASES** ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.

> CHAD gives hope of a better future.

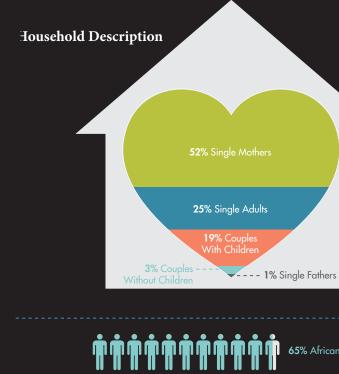
A CHAD house has brought comfort and security to Iris, Angel and the children. Having the kids in the same school district for elementary, junior high and high school has been appreciated the most. That security helped all three excel in academics and athletics. A secure home also gave Iris the confidence to start a house cleaning business that has been going strong for 15 years.

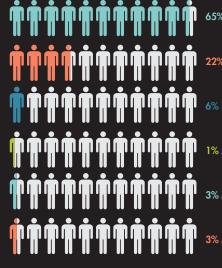
## Financial Statements





## Demographics





**Residents' Income Sources** numbers based on surveyed resident



65% African American

22% Caucasian

1% Asian

3% Middle Eastern

3% Mixed/Other

40% Employed

**25%** Receive other Forms of Benefits

23% Receive Social Security or Disability Benefits

2% Receive Child Support or Unemployment

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CHAD RESIDENT EARNS

CHAD gives families in need a place to call home.

## Friends And Business Partners

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#### Spread the word.

Once you've memorized all the really good parts, pass this on to a friend, neighbor or co-worker.



"We look forward to continue working with CHAD and the great work they are doing because our community partnerships are something that we take very seriously."

> — Coree Weckler Home Depot Store Manager – Carol Stream, IL

#### GREAT SPONSORS

*Cincinnati Insurance is one of CHAD's corporate sponsors that has devoted extensive hands-on, hardworking, man hours and home improvement items.* 

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Mikhail Gritsak Maintenance Technician

Robert Perez Maintenance Technician

Cece Batiste Receptionist

# fact:

HOMES HAVE BEEN REHABBED ELIMINATING BLIGHT AND PROMOTING NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION.

> CHAD partners with corporate sponsors to help rebuild communities.



To learn more about CHAD and how you can get involved, call us at 630-456-4452 or visit us online at CHADhousing.org

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