Statements like these from program participant Derrick ground us and motivate the team to deepen our efforts even while we celebrate a hallmark year in 2018. Last year the Center for Housing and Health (CHH) served more people than ever before, led a County-wide Strategic Plan integrating housing and health care, launched a new website, and established relationships with two major hospital systems. We demonstrated significant decreases in unnecessary health care use and reduced cost in the Better Health through Housing hospital projects that drew national media attention. These projects also laid the foundation for CHH to win a contract for an innovative new program, the Flexible Housing Pool (see the What’s New section for more information).

Since CHH received its first grant of $100,000 in 2011, the organization has grown to a budget of over $5 million this year. CHH and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) both continue to benefit from their unique subsidiary relationship with CHH relying on the strength of AFC’s infrastructure and AFC expanding its reach and programming.

As we look back on the year, a thank you is due to our funders who provide crucial support and our partner organizations who make our work possible day in and day out. We also need to thank our program participants who embody resilience and serve as a reminder that our work is not done until every one of our neighbors can claim their right to a safe home and quality health care.

Sincerely,

Peter Toepfer
Executive Director

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If it weren’t for this program and you all, I wouldn’t be here today. You saved my life.

After visiting several doctors for an unbearable pain that made it difficult for him to stay on his feet, Daniel discovered that his hip bones were deteriorating due to his former drug use.

Although Daniel changed his relationship with drugs years ago, the effects were still taking a toll on his body and he was told that he needed surgery or else he would risk losing mobility in his legs. However, Daniel was now out of a job as a busboy, so his focus was set on securing a steady income. He applied for Social Security benefits, but was denied and eventually ended up living on the streets for 7 months because he could not afford a place to live. He was later charged with retail theft, but luckily, the judge in Daniel’s case recognized that he would benefit more from a rehabilitation program, rather than jail time.

Once in the program, Daniel’s case manager connected him to CHH’s SOAR coordinator who helped him successfully apply for and win his case for social security benefits. With a secure income and a steady place to live, Daniel was finally able to focus on taking care of his health and triumphantly underwent two hip replacement surgeries. Now, Daniel has plans to become a counselor in order to give back to his community and is thankful for those who supported him to get to where he is today.
OUR WORK

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

270 HOUSEHOLDS
47 FAMILIES AND 77 CHILDREN
We offered permanent supportive housing, including intensive wraparound case management services, to 270 households, including 47 families and 77 children.

165 PARTICIPANTS
165 participants in our permanent supportive housing program achieved increased or stable income.

245 HOUSEHOLDS
245 participating households were stably housed for 12 months or longer in 2018.

DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES

17 CASE MANAGERS
9 PARTNER AGENCIES
We worked with 17 case managers from 9 partner agencies to provide direct services to participants throughout the Chicagoland area.

15 FAMILIES
We delivered furniture sets and essential move-in items to 15 families and individuals after they moved into their apartments.

37 PARTICIPANTS
We worked with 37 participants to help them apply for disability benefits in order to obtain a steady income.
We guided the Supportive Housing: Optimizing Placements research study of over 850 supportive housing residents in partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. In 2018 the study completed all resident interviews and achieved a retention rate of nearly 90% for study participants.

In 2019, CHH will launch a new County-wide Supportive Housing program model called the Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) to house homeless individuals with poorly-managed chronic health conditions. The FHP uses an integrated housing, health and social services design. It combines multiple public and private investments into one pool that will provide rental subsidies and services funding as a payer of last resort. The goal of the project is to promote cross-sector investment in a housing and service delivery strategy that will dramatically increase supportive housing for people impacted by homelessness with complex health needs and a history of justice involvement.

In its first phase, the FHP will offer housing and support to at least 50 frequent utilizersons of Cook County Health.
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