

FAITH COMMUNITY HOMES

inspiring hope changing lives

February 2021

Message From the Board Chair



Tim Wayman

2020 was a daunting year for everyone, no doubt, but particularly for those families in our community who suffered job loss, reduced work hours, positive COVID-19 tests and/or quarantining at home. Those were the fates of many families in the Faith Community Homes program who were already “living on the edge.”

We are happy to report that nearly all FCH families have persevered through the challenges of the past year. Our staff continued to do the hard work of managing relationships and supporting families while our mentors communicated with and guided families in new ways, primarily through telephone and Zoom. And you, our

wonderful supporters, donated your dollars in record-breaking fashion through our first virtual *Giving Hope* fundraiser in October and other special appeals through the year.

In 2021, many challenges remain. Obviously, bringing the pandemic under control is paramount. However, Faith Community Homes has several goals in mind as well:

- To serve more families in the northwest suburbs. There has never been greater need to help low-income, working families overcome financial strife.
- To become more of an advocate for low-income housing in the area so that our families and scores like them can find reasonably priced, safe places to live.
- To attract a diverse and new, younger base of supporters. We are so appreciative of the generosity of our long-term financial supporters and would not exist without you. But to grow our mission, we need to identify and engage a new sector of supporters who share in our passion to assist struggling families.

A little about me: I was elected as chair of the Faith Community Homes Board of Directors in November 2020 after an eight-year period of dedicated and compassionate leadership under the direction of Jim Mayer. Many thanks to Jim; I am so happy that he remains a board member and is willing to provide his counsel. My wife, Connie, and I first discovered Faith Community Homes in 2006 when we served as mentors to a young family. The experience was inspirational and led me to want to do more for the organization. I joined the board in 2009 and have served as chair of both the Fund Development and Marketing/Communication Committees.

I am honored to now serve in the board chair role and look forward to conversations about how we can better serve families in the community. Have an idea? Call me on my cell at 224-558-0916.

Family Update: A Solid Plan for the Future

Single mom “Carla” completed her two-year program with Faith Community Homes in fall 2020. Fortunately, Carla remained employed during the pandemic. She had significant debt when she entered our program and was behind on all her bills, including rent and utilities. Now, all of Carla’s bills are current and her debt is largely paid off. Her credit score increased by 150 points.

For the first time since her teenager was born, Carla now has money in her savings account. Her mentors played a pivotal role in helping her organize her bills, get on a schedule, negotiate payoff settlements, and gain self-esteem along the way. Most important, Carla is no longer in crisis, financially or emotionally, and has a solid plan for her future.

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Get E-News

Sign up for Faith Community Homes e-mail communications to learn more about the difference we are making, together, in the lives of local families. You’ll also receive important news and advance notice of opportunities to support FCH through dine-and-share activities and other special events. Simply send an e-mail to info@fchomes.org to subscribe. Please include “Subscribe” in the e-mail’s subject line. Thanks!

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Strengthening northwest suburban families to achieve financial stability and independence through mentoring, rental assistance and support services.

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Special thanks to Elk Grove Township, Palatine Township, Schaumburg Township, Wheeling Township, and the Village of Arlington Heights for providing significant financial and other assistance to our client families.

Gifts & Donations Bring Joy, Alleviate Holiday Stress

Thanks to the generosity of many groups and individuals, every family in Faith Community Homes received several gift cards in December. These gift cards allowed parents to buy holiday gifts for their children and to put their income toward regular bills and savings instead of shopping. Each family also received additional gift cards for groceries, gas, Walmart and Target that they can use to offset household expenses in the coming months.

Faith Community Homes was also able to help families with other seasonal needs. Several members of the FCH Board of Directors donated jackets and boots for the children of a family who have a parent on medical leave from work.

We appreciate those who made the holidays a little brighter through gifts of food. Our staff distributed donated turkeys, ham and other food to help families with their holiday meal, thanks to wonderful community partners.

Here are two examples:

Palatine Jewel-Osco (on Plum Grove Road) provided Christmas meals for ten FCH families, thanks to holiday-meal fundraising efforts coordinated by Store Director Steve Colello.

In addition, we are grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Arlington Heights. Under the leadership of Chuck Warner, club president, the organization provided five meals to FCH families for Christmas.

We also received donations of paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and other household goods that are a necessity for busy parents. These donations came from a number of individuals, church groups and community organizations.

December is a time when people of limited means can feel even more financial and emotional stress. With gift cards and in-kind donations, our donors relieved some of the financial stress on these families while, just as importantly, sending them a message of support and encouragement. We are grateful.



Thank You for Holiday Donations

We are grateful to the following individuals and groups for their donations of gift cards, household goods and other items for the families of Faith Community Homes during the holiday season.

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We are grateful to the following people and organizations for their generous support for Faith Community Homes during 2020. Your invaluable support continues to make a measurable difference in the lives of local families.

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FCH Advocates — \$2,500 - \$4,999

FCH Friends — up to \$2,499

Donor levels apply to individuals, churches, governmental agencies, businesses and other groups. Beginning in 2021, all financial contributions and event sponsorships made during a calendar year will be included in the calculation. Donors will be recognized through both the FCH website (fchomes.org) and the annual financial newsletter printed each February.



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DATE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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11:00am - 10:00pm

85 S. Buffalo Grove Road

(847) 215-7100

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11:00am - 10:00pm

287 N Northwest Hwy

(847) 963-0800

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11:00am - 10:00pm

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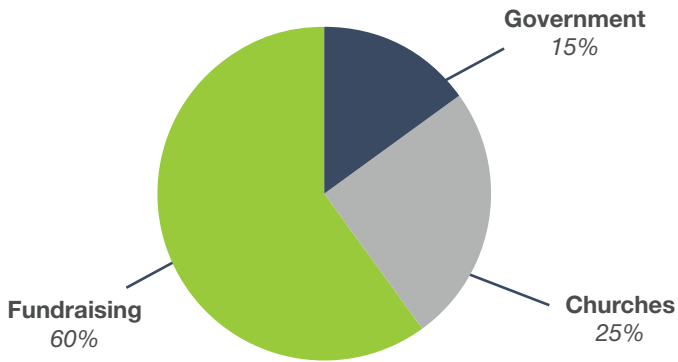
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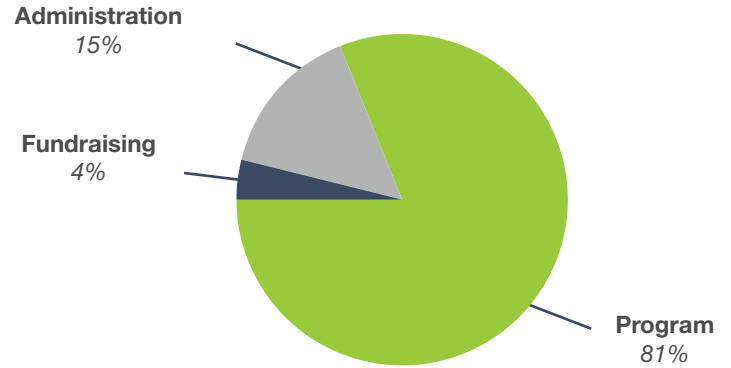
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Income Sources



Expenses



A Note From the Executive Director



Chuck Warner

A new year is here, and we look forward to new beginnings and better times. But we all know 2021 is going to have many challenges. The pandemic, above all, is going to continue to affect how we work, plan our activities and live our lives. We can hope that in the months to come things will improve, but we here at Faith Community Homes will continue to work safely and observe the need to remain socially distant as well as make use of masks in our daily interactions. We are taking these precautions not just to protect ourselves, but very much to protect our FCH families and volunteers.

In spite of the challenges, we continue to accept new families into the program and provide short-term help for other families affected by the pandemic. Many have experienced job loss and illness and we remain committed to being there to help, with the partnership of our FCH community of supporters.

We are seeing families who have never before asked for help. We are even receiving calls from landlords requesting help for their tenants, whom they do not want to lose. Without the rental income, the landlords themselves cannot pay their own bills. By helping the tenants, we are helping two families at the same time: renters and landlords.

We make good use of Zoom, e-mails and phone calls to meet with families and mentors. In warmer weather, meetings are often held outdoors. Hopefully, later this year we can safely return to face-to-face meetings routinely. Despite operating within a serious pandemic surrounding all of us, this past year we have seen and felt a gratifying and inspirational community spirit of care for one another. We continue to be thankful for all the wonderful, steadfast support during these challenging and changing times.

Tina Richards Joins FCH Board of Directors

Tina Richards is the newest member of the Faith Community Homes Board of Directors. A graduate of Northern Illinois University, Richards received her MBA from the University of Chicago. She worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for 14 years in accounting and financial analysis before leaving the position to raise a family and volunteer in the community. A long-time Arlington Heights resident, Tina has served as a PTA treasurer and as a volunteer at the American Red Cross, Shelter, Inc., and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Tina has also assisted with the Faith Community Homes food pantry over the past four years.



Tina Richards

Tina and her husband, Todd, have two sons. Their oldest is a graduate of Indiana University and their youngest is a sophomore at the University of Michigan. When describing her new board responsibilities, Tina stated, "I am excited and proud to join the FCH board. Having raised my family and volunteered in this community, I know there are families here who struggle to pay their rent while caring for their children. The pandemic has only added to the challenges faced by families striving to become financially stable. I look forward to working with the dedicated board members and staff to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families."

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Schaumburg Business Networking Group Hosts Successful Supplies Drive



We are grateful to The FOCUS Group.

Faith Community Homes is a member of the Schaumburg Business Association and an SBA networking group called The FOCUS Group, comprising 20 business leaders. In September, The FOCUS Group held a fundraising event for FCH at Top Golf in Schaumburg. In November, the group held a drive to collect household supplies for our program families. This group was phenomenal in raising an additional \$1,000 and brought in a large load of household supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, detergent and many other cleaning supplies families need. We encourage donations of these materials because while many families do have an Illinois Link card, which can be used to pay for groceries, the card does not cover these much needed, but quite costly household and cleaning supplies. We are very grateful to these business leaders, who are dedicated to making the community a better place for all.

The Landing on Dundee Pitches In

Residents of The Landing on Dundee, a senior living community in Wheeling, held a household supplies drive with participation from staff, families and the larger community. We are grateful for the delivery of an impressive supply of detergent, cleaning supplies and other household necessities for our FCH families.