



JOURNEYS | The Road Home is pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Garden of Giving Women's Luncheon **on Wednesday, April 23, 2025**, at the Chez Hotel in Arlington Heights.

In 2024, 512 of JOURNEYS clients were women and 250 were children. Put together, that's 762 people who received HOPE Center services, including but not limited to meals, food pantry, clothing, showers, and laundry services.

It is our challenge to move every child and their family out of homelessness as soon as possible and this event helps us move closer to that goal. ***Please partner with us to meet this challenge.*** *Read on to the next page to read a real story of JOURNEYS' client, Dotty, a mother of three who was experiencing homelessness after fleeing domestic violence.*

Guests will enjoy a beautiful garden luncheon at Chez Hotel. **JOURNEYS is looking for your support as a local business to assist with silent auction and/or sponsorship.** Further information regarding sponsorships and raffle items can be found on the form attached. Please refer to the theme's suggestion page for ideas for donation items.

Sponsorships and/or donation items need to be confirmed by Monday, April 7, 2025. If you have any further questions, contact JOURNEYS Event Coordinator Kate Hassemer at (847) 963-9163 ext. 126.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Kindest regards,

Co-Event Chair
Caryn Ferraro

Co-Event Chair
Margaret Brueck



Dotty* first came to JOURNEYS in 2021, fleeing an abusive relationship. Dotty's abusive partner was the sole bread-winner of the household, and her family lived in another state. Wanting to keep her kids in their same school system, Dotty brought her kids to JOURNEYS with next to nothing with her. We quickly placed them in our hotel program, so we could prioritize keeping this family together. Being shown this level of immediate and comprehensive support was a major motivator for Dotty to rebuild her life.

Dotty's determination was simply unmatched. She would not let her past abuse define her. She came to the HOPE Center several times a week to speak to her case manager, Katie, about the steps necessary to find permanent housing that fit her family's needs. With JOURNEYS being able to supply everyday needs like food, clothing, and supplies, Dotty was able to focus on her family's needs.

Last Fall, Katie and Dotty completed a housing assessment, and less than a month later, she was moving into her new apartment! Dotty is still living there today, continuing to take steps to stabilize her family.

Dotty's journey is not just a personal triumph; it is a celebration of the collective spirit that defines our community. It reminds us that, through our combined efforts, we have the ability to uplift and empower individuals to overcome even the most challenging circumstances.

As we celebrate Dotty's success, let her story serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration. It reaffirms the importance of the work we do and the difference we make in the lives of those seeking a way out of homelessness.

***Name and other details have been changed to protect anonymity.**

SPONSORSHIP & DONATION FORM



Your support will benefit JOURNEYS' services to those that are homeless and the growing number of those at risk of becoming homeless. JOURNEYS provides over 60 supportive programs and services to those in need. **We exist mainly through the generous support of businesses and individuals like you.**

Sponsorship Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, APRIL 7th

	Rose Sponsor \$3,000	Sunflower Sponsor \$2,000	Tulip Sponsor \$1,000	Daisy Supporter \$500
Luncheon Tickets	2			
Pre/Post Event Publicity	X	X		
Recognition at Podium	X	X	X	
Recognition on Website	X	X	X	X
Recognition on Event Signage	X	X	X	X

Raffle Opportunity

*Auction items due to JOURNEYS | The Road Home at 1140 E Northwest Highway in Palatine
by Monday, April 7, 2025*

Auction Item(s) _____

Description _____

Total Value _____

Contact Information:

Company Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor Billing Information:

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____

For questions, contact Kate Hassemer at 847-963-9163 x126 or k.hassemer@journeystheroadhome.org





Basket Themes & Suggested Items

Baking- Bakeware, utensils, cookie cutters, cookbooks, apron, serving dishes, spices, and ingredients

BBQ- BBQ tools, sauces, spices, rubs, cookbooks, oven mitts, apron, outdoor serving dishes, and table linens

Entertainment- Assorted restaurant, theater, and comedy club gift certificates

Family Entertainment- Assorted movies & snacks, movie tickets, bowling, museum certificates, board & card games

Garden- Planters, tools, gloves, hats, kneeling pad, garden markers, garden decorations, birdhouses or feeders

Golf basket – golf certificates, golf apparel, golf balls

Spa basket – hair products, skin care, makeup, spa & salon services

Sports Teams- Any Chicago sports team related items or tickets

Wine- Assorted wines, wine glasses, decanter, bottle topper, glass markers, crackers, wine books, aerator, and corkscrew