

SOME PEOPLE CAN'T IMAGINE DOING WHAT WE DO.

## We can't imagine not doing it.

Volunteers of America of Illinois is a private, not-for-profit, faith-based, social service organization dedicated to helping people of all ages create positive and lasting change in their lives through programs that support, empower and transform.

Volunteers of America of Illinois addresses today's most pressing social needs through programs that include:

- Foster care
- Kinship care
- Family reunification
- Adoption services
- Supportive housing for seniors and adults with disabilities
- Services for homeless veterans

Effectiveness, quality and long-term impact are the hallmarks of our programs. Caring, compassion and commitment are the hallmarks of our staff.



**There are no limits to caring.®**

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*Touching the mind, body,  
heart—and spirit—of those we serve.*

*We've been around, we'll be around.  
You can count on us.*

### SERVING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

For more than a century, Volunteers of America of Illinois has been meeting the critical needs of children and families throughout the state with a variety of strength-based, child-centered and family-focused services designed to strengthen families; promote healthy development; and ensure safety, permanency and well-being for children.



Our unique approach to providing child welfare services is anchored to a deep understanding of and commitment to the importance of preserving children's attachments.

Our goal of achieving the best permanency option for each child is always rooted to an ongoing commitment to ensuring their short and long-term safety and well-being. Foster parents, birth parents, extended family and the children themselves are actively engaged in the interventions and decisions that move the child to permanency.

We serve children and families through a broad continuum of child welfare services, including foster care, kinship care, family reunification and adoption.



### HOUSING FOR THOSE IN NEED

For more than 40 years, Volunteers of America has helped thousands of people find a home. Through our commitment to providing quality, affordable housing for seniors and adults with disabilities, Volunteers of America of Illinois provides a safe and supportive environment for these individuals who, with limited resources, are often forced to live in substandard and unsafe conditions.

We offer many support services and activities to our housing residents, such as peer support groups, transportation to medical appointments for the elderly and training for those with developmental disabilities.

We provide high-quality, affordable housing with on-site support services at the following sites:

- Cedars of Lebanon, Lebanon, IL
- Marycrest Village Apartments, Joliet, IL
- Les Chateaux North & Les Chateaux West Apartments, St. Louis, MO
- Hopewell Senior Village, St. Louis, MO
- EADS Square Apartments, St. Louis, MO
- New Northside Apartments, St. Louis, MO
- Third Ward Apartments, St. Louis, MO
- Balsam Terrace & Spruce Manor, Jacksonville, IL

*Providing shelter from the storms  
of life.*

sheltering

*Supporting and empowering those who  
have served our nation*

### HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH A FRESH START

Illinois is home to more than 900,000 Veterans from World War II to the current War in the Middle East. In the Chicago Metro area alone, more than 1,000 Veterans are homeless on any given night and more than 18,000 are homeless at some point during the year.

To meet the needs of homeless veterans, Volunteers of America of Illinois (VOA of IL) launched the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP). The program's goal is to help homeless veterans achieve economic self-sufficiency and overall stability in their lives with the support, training and opportunities needed to secure and maintain viable, long-term employment.

### FIVE CORE COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- Outreach
- Assessment and Targeted Case Management
- Supportive Services
- Job Training and Placement
- Aftercare Support

