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SUPPORTING WOMEN IN RECOVERY SINCE 1983



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# MISSION

Southside Center of Hope is a nonprofit organization **providing a safe and healing community for women & children** recovering from substance use disorders, trauma, and mental illness.

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# VISION

We are working for the day when **all women and children in Chicagoland are free** from the effects of addiction.

# LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kevin Waklatsi**, Chair, Lathan & Watkins, LLP

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**Ollie Thomas**, PAC's Daycare

★ We've added three new board members this year! Keep reading to learn why Southside Center of Hope's work is so meaningful to each of them!

## STAFF

### **Executive Director:**

Yaisa Hagood

### **Recovery Coaches:**

Alisha Agbonghae

Megan McGuffage

Rashidat Owe

### **Night Monitors:**

Annette McDade

Delphine Oldham

### **Development and Communications Manager:**

Peyton Spanbauer

# A LETTER FROM YAISA

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on our 39th fiscal year, I feel gratitude for where we've been and hope for where we're going. *I'm so proud of the way our staff, board, donors, and volunteers have shown up for this work, accepting both the challenges and the opportunities the year brought.*

The pandemic and its ramifications continue to hit vulnerable populations hardest. **We see the systemic obstacles facing our residents more clearly than ever**, and so we're more committed than ever to finding and offering life-changing solutions.

In June of 2021, we moved to our temporary home on the West Side, leaving behind our beloved Woodlawn location. As we closed the door – a beautiful red door! – on a cherished chapter in our history, we knew **our long-term ability to serve women and children required us to walk through new doors.**

And while it hasn't been easy, we're seeing the fruit of that decision. In September, we reopened, and *we're grateful for what we've accomplished this year with your help.*

A few highlights:

- 14 women in residential treatment
- 464 addiction counseling and case management sessions
- 245 group therapy hours

We've also developed and deepened relationships with trusted partners that will allow us to expand our mission, vision, and impact. As always, we build on the work of our founders, Sisters Therese and Connie. **Our goal remains their goal: to see women and children become healthy, whole, and able to thrive.**

I'm grateful for your trust as we work to secure a brighter future for more women and children in Chicagoland. Your support makes it possible.

Together, we'll offer hope to new generations of women and children,

*Yaisa Hagood*

Yaisa Hagood  
Executive Director

# IMPACT

  
**14**  
Women in  
residential  
treatment

  
**1,474**  
Shelter Nights  
Provided

  
**4,449**  
Meals Served

  
**196**  
Onsite  
Healthcare  
Visits

  
**464**  
Addiction Counseling  
& Case Management  
Sessions

  
**3**  
Community Outreach  
Events In Partnership  
With Kindness  
Campaign

  
**245**  
Group Therapy  
Sessions

  
**105**  
Aftercare Service  
Hours

  
**2,250**  
Feminine  
Hygiene  
Products  
Distributed

  
**725**  
Face Masks  
Distributed

  
**500**  
Care Packages  
Distributed

## The societal and economic pressures of the last year have made our work – and the lives of women struggling with addiction – more difficult.

A few of the challenges we're working to address:

Women struggling with addiction are more likely to face joblessness and homelessness than before the pandemic.

Many supportive services, such as AA meetings, remain online, making it harder to develop the social connections needed to maintain sobriety.

A shortage of addiction specialists was nearing critical levels before the pandemic; it is even more dire now,



leading to staffing challenges.

Those struggling with addiction tend to have high levels of vaccine mistrust, which exacerbates both their isolation and the difficulty of hiring staff.

We're responding to these challenges by building on our network of relationships with local leaders, funders, and social service

agencies – because the truth is *it will take all of us, working together, to make lasting change for women healing from addiction.*

# OUR MODEL

Southside Center of Hope provides a 12-step, evidence-based residential recovery program for women at no cost. We've helped more than 4,000 women gain freedom from addiction.

**We offer women hope and create lifelong change through:**

## **ADDICTION RECOVERY**

Residents complete an intensive outpatient program, including recovery education, medical support, behavioral health therapy, and participation in a 12-Step group.

## **SAFE SHELTER**

Women struggling with addiction are vulnerable. We provide them and their children with safe, supportive housing so they can focus on healing from addiction.

## **CASE MANAGEMENT**

Residents receive personalized support to maintain their sobriety and are connected to the resources they need to improve the quality of their lives, such as healthcare, job training, and affordable housing.

## **PEER SUPPORT**

Recovery requires a community of support! Our residents learn to lean on and encourage each other and work through conflicts and challenges together.

### **New Board Member Spotlight**

*"The Center's model is unique. We believe that change is a process not a one-time undertaking. Our model is based on fostering long-term relationships with the women we serve and our support to them extends for years as long as they need it."*

*By serving women - and in particular single mothers, SSCO has the potential to create the largest societal impact."*

-Nihal Afifi, Global Health Lead at Benchmark Health Systems

# JAZMIN'S STORY

Jazmin has set her sights on some ambitious goals. In the next 5 years, she wants to have her own apartment, a better relationship with her family, and stable work that makes her happy. Long-term, she dreams of seeing the Seven Wonders of the World – or fixing up a van and taking a cross-country road trip.

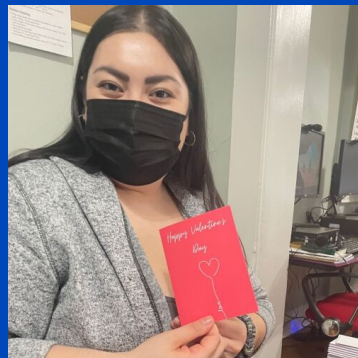
Jazmin fell victim to addiction and lost sight of her goals in her mid-20s. “I was in a place where things weren’t getting worse, and they weren’t getting better,” she says. She describes that period of her life as rock-bottom. She was unemployed, unmotivated, and couch-surfing between friends’ and parents’ homes.

**She wanted to stop using but didn’t know how.** Thankfully, her parents finally confronted her and helped her get the treatment she needed.

After inpatient treatment at the Haymarket Center, Jazmin sought further support from Southside Center of Hope after being referred by her counselor, who is a Center alumnus.

Now, after six months, Jazmin is in Phase II of our program. With experience and some formal education as a vet technician, she recently landed a new job at a vet clinic! **For Jazmin, her new job means “purpose, independence, and confidence.”**

“I had to get out of a ‘this will never happen’ mindset,” Jazmin explains of how she’s accomplished her goals thus far. She’s committed to attending groups, making use of her new gym membership, and not procrastinating. With her future and her family as her biggest motivations, **Jazmin is excited to have a second chance on life and her dreams.**



“*These dreams didn’t seem possible,” Jazmin says, reflecting on her life before Southside Center of Hope.*



# FOUNDING STORY

Starting with 15 dollars and 19 beds, Sister Connie Driscoll and Sister Therese O'Sullivan, IBVM, rehabbed an old drug store building to start a homeless shelter for women and their children in 1983.

They named their shelter St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, after a saint known for his tireless hospitality and care for the poor and sick.

After seeing so many women struggle with drug and alcohol addiction, the shelter transitioned into a recovery home in the early 90s. A new facility was purchased from the Archdiocese of Chicago for \$10.

"Sister Connie and I wanted a place where women could bring their children while they recover in a structured, safe environment that motivates them to achieve sobriety,

become gainfully employed, and live independently," Sister Therese said.

The Sisters worked tirelessly for decades, helping thousands of women and children break free from addiction and its effects. Though devout Catholic nuns, they chose not to accept money from the Church in order to have flexibility and independence in their work for women and children.

Sister Connie passed away in 2005 at the age of 72. In 2016, Sister Therese retired and named Yaisa Hagood her successor. Sister Therese remains a beloved member of our community.

In 2019, St. Martin de Porres House of Hope became Southside Center of Hope. Thanks to our founders for their ministry and vision.



# A FUTURE OF HOPE

**We've just begun our 40th year of service, and the future looks bright!**

**SSCOH is now the service provider for Independence House**, a 25-unit permanent supportive housing shelter for women with children experiencing homelessness. SSCOH will provide case management and supportive services for tenants in the building owned by Interfaith Development Housing Corporation.

**We are starting a Workforce Development Program** in the fall, partnering with HHP Lift to employ women.

**Plans to build a permanent supportive housing facility** for women and children in West Pullman

with Interfaith Development Housing Corporation are moving forward.

**SSCOH will apply to be a licensed recovery program** with the State of Illinois in the fall. The state license will give us greater credibility and increased funding opportunities.

**Our board has recently approved a new mission and vision statement** that reflects our expanding work on behalf of women and children. Stay tuned for details in upcoming communications!



## New Board Member Spotlight

*"As I enter my eighth year in recovery, my work with SSCOH is a way to give back. I've been there – I know what the struggle feels like.*

*As I look to the future, I see SSCOH continue to expand and provide even more options to help more people recover, recover faster, and stay in recovery longer. There's a massive regional demand for more housing, among other services. We're very interested in expanding to provide those needs!"*

Nicholas Berkley-Gough, Strategic Marketing Manager at CryptoEQ.io

# FISCAL YEAR 2022 (JUNE 1, 2021 - MAY 2022)



INCOME	
Contributions	\$268,047
Earned Income	\$10,000
Federal	\$3,648
In-Kind	\$2,022
Interest	\$5,955
State	\$60,000
<b>Total Revenue Support and Gains</b>	<b>\$349,665</b>



EXPENSES & LOSSES	
Personnel	\$268,367
Program	\$146,436
General & Management	\$61,804
Fundraising & Marketing	\$769
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$477,376</b>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(\$127,711)

NET ASSETS	
Beginning of Year	\$541,737
End of Year	\$385,880



More detailed financials can be found on our website:  
[www.southsidecenterofhope.org](http://www.southsidecenterofhope.org)

## New Board Member Spotlight

*"Working with SSCOH brings me joy because I'm having a positive impact on women's lives. I have family members who could have benefitted from this organization when they were young, had children, and were constantly fighting sobriety."*

-Shante Harrison, Director, Product Team at Huron Consulting Group

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***In addition, we would like to thank all our individual donors and volunteers who contributed their time and resources to make our organization a success.***

# THANK YOU



*You* are freeing women and children in Chicagoland from the effects of addiction and homelessness.

*You* are making our life-changing work possible – and expanding its reach.

Whether you've given time, money, expertise, or in-kind gifts this year, know this:

**we couldn't do it without *you*.**

## Save the Date



*40th Anniversary Gala*  
**May 6, 2023**

Join us to celebrate 40 years of **hope** for women  
and children in Chicagoland!



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