



Hope Springs Eternal

At Anew, we truly believe in the power of hope. Even in the darkest times and the most arduous struggles, hope carries people through to the other side.

Right now, as uncertainty looms, we hold onto hope—for our clients, our services, and our future.

At the end of January, the federal administration announced a freeze on federal funding, sending shockwaves through the nonprofit community. Though the order was quickly rescinded, the expectation remains: funding will be scrutinized, and programs supporting DEI and gender-related initiatives are at risk.

Anew relies on federal funding for a third of our budget. The vast majority of this funding supports our **Housing Programs**, which provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing for victims of domestic violence. Our goal is to prevent future homelessness for survivors, and our program is the only one of its kind in our area. We work closely with a partner program to extend our reach and ensure safe housing for as many victims as possible. But now, this critical funding is in jeopardy—simply because we prioritize serving **women and underserved populations**.

A recent **New York Times** article revealed that hundreds of terms are being stripped from federal records. Here are **just a few**:

| Advocacy | Advocate | Anti-racism | At risk | Barriers | Bias | BIPOC | Black |
| Diverse | Gender | Gender based violence | Health disparity | Inclusivity |
| Inequality | Mental health | Oppression | Privilege | Socioeconomic |
| Transgender | Trauma | Victim | Vulnerable populations | Women |
| Women & underrepresented |

These words define our mission at Anew. Without them, our work—and the people we serve—risk being erased.

We Need Your Help

Now is the time to sound the alarm. Funding for housing support is essential, and we **cannot** allow cuts that would leave domestic violence survivors without safe shelter.

[\[Click here\]](#) to take action and make your voice heard.

Anew is committed to breaking down barriers for survivors, but we can't do it alone. Stand with us. Together, we can protect critical housing funds and ensure no victim is left without a safe place to turn.

In Peace,

Jennifer Gabrenya

Act Now: Protect Federal Homelessness Funding

HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) program is the largest source of federal funding supporting community homelessness response systems across the country. These funds are granted to nonprofit organizations that provide life-saving and critical housing assistance and supportive services to individuals and families who would otherwise be homeless. These programs cover virtually every community within every state.

Impact of HUD CoC Funding in Suburban Cook County

Suburban Cook County relies on \$27.5 million in HUD Continuum of Care funds. This funds 45 different programs across 28 local nonprofit agencies.

1,023 households

There are 1,023 households who would otherwise be homeless who rely on HUD CoC funding for monthly rental assistance and supportive services.



\$941,400 in monthly rent assistance

Every month, nearly \$1 million in HUD CoC funds are provided to local property owners to support full or partial rent payments to ensure households remain stably housed.

138 jobs

Approximately 30% of annual HUD CoC funds are used to support salaries and benefits for 138 jobs. This provides livelihoods for local frontline staff who administer daily, critical services to individuals and families who have experienced homelessness - including veterans, older adults, families fleeing domestic violence, young people, and people with disabilities.

Call to Action

Contact your Members of Congress and ask them to urge HUD to act on the following:

- 1) Promptly finish processing FY2024 CoC homelessness funding and distribute these precious dollars to homeless services providers across the nation.
- 2) Honor the 2-year Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY2024 and FY2025 funding that both parties in Congress fought so hard to secure. At a time when the numbers of people experiencing and vulnerable to homelessness have never been higher, now is no time for critically needed funds to sit idle in Washington.



The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County is the lead agency for the Cook County Continuum of Care (IL-511) and is responsible for coordinating the homeless response system for the 130 suburbs of Cook County located outside the City of Chicago. www.suburbancook.org

Meet the New Faces at Anew!



My name is Jeannetta Johnson, Anew's HR and Operations Manager. I am a mother of three-- with two daughters and one son. I have over fifteen years of experience in Human Resources and am passionate about customer service. Fun fact, I am an Army Veteran who has served 9 years. The mission of Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse caught my attention because this is a selfless service to the community which is a value of the army that I hold dear to me. My hobbies are basketball, painting, and spending valuable time with my kids.

My name is Susan Soda and I am the Community Education Program Manager. I have been working in the non-profit world for just under 6 years. I am drawn to the mission of Domestic Violence because I am passionate about helping others reclaim a voice that has been taken from them. I enjoy working with the community to start important conversations about prevention and awareness.



In my personal time, I enjoy practicing yoga and pilates, painting and embroidering, and being with my two golden retrievers, Rusty (right) and Ralph (left).



My name is Heather Bernal, and I am a new board member at Anew. I am married with three beautiful daughters. I work as a litigation paralegal at Sterk Family Law Firm, where I am passionate about supporting families in challenging situations. The mission of Domestic Violence resonates deeply with me, as I believe in advocating for those in need and providing a safe space for individuals to heal and rebuild. Outside of work, I enjoy crafting with my daughters, which serves as a relaxing and therapeutic activity we do together. We also love spending time outdoors, taking walks and enjoying nature as a family.

Thank you, Victory Apostolic Church!

From the Sanctuary Office Manager on behalf of Sanctuary Staff and Anew

Victory Apostolic Church has been a supporter of Anew's Sanctuary Program for many years, and I've been fortunate to partner with them for the past seven. Members of Victory supply our families with many gifts and donations throughout the year from Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas toys for the holiday season, along with back-to-school supplies for the upcoming school year for children. Victory also acknowledges all the mothers for Mother's Day, providing selfcare packages that truly bring joy to the women in the Sanctuary program. The Sanctuary staff and all of Anew just want to applaud those of Victory Apostolic Church for their many years of service. We greatly appreciate your dedication to our agency and the families we serve. We could not carry out our mission without the support of wonderful people like you.



Updated Needs at Anew



Thank you for the influx of donations that came through our door last month! We are so grateful.

After taking in last month's donations, here is the updated list of items that Anew and our clients need.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Hygiene/Sanitary Products

- Pampers - Mostly Size 5, 6, & Up
- Baby/Wet Wipes
- Cleaning Supplies
 - Dish Soap
 - Bleach
 - Scrub Pads
 - Spray & Powder Cleaners
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Feminine Pads - All types & sorts
 - No tampons
- Men's products for boy/teen clients
 - Soaps
 - Detergent

Nonperishable Food/Unexpired Food

- Canned Fruit & Veggies
- Dry Rice & Beans
- Pasta
- Tomato/Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tuna
- Ramen Noodles
- Dry Cereals
- Canned Soups
- Chef Boyardee
- Fruit Snacks
- Jellies & Syrups
- Nutrition Bars
- Saltine Crackers & cracker sandwiches
- Popcorn
- Other Canned Goods: black beans, kidney beans, corn, pinto beans, great northern beans, diced tomatoes, etc
- Individually Wrapped Snacks: coffee cakes, nutter butter, cookies, etc



<https://a.co/f1hGUuf>



Donation drop offs can be made Monday-Friday, from 9am to 4pm
18139 Harwood Ave
Homewood, IL 60430

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

Job Postings at Anew

Compensation and Benefits are listed clearly at the bottom of each job description. Take the guess out of applying-- Our salaries, wages, and benefits are transparent and up front! Please share with you network.

Positions Updated 3/11/2025

★ **Accountant**

★ **Bilingual Crisis Intervention Advocate**

★ **Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator - Part Time**

Anew offers full time benefits including 14 paid holidays; 20 days of Paid Time Off (PTO) annually; medical, dental, vision and life insurance; short-term and long-term disability; and the ability to contribute to our 403(b) plan with 3% company matching. This position is also eligible for Aflac benefits.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please email your cover letter and resume to careers@anewdv.org.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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