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Grandmother thankful to Family Service Center

Brenda and her grandson Andre moved into Catholic Charities’ Family Service Center on a warm June day. They were among the 20 to 25 families who had spent hours on the line that day to find shelter, and the support of staff working to help them, the most vulnerable neighbors resonated with the couple. In that gift, Gina and Cary will also be honoring Gina’s parents, Don and Alice O’Rear, who had slept in shelters for years, but now have a home at Higher Ground.
Once homeless, he uses this experience to help others

Moving forward, but never forgetting

It's been nearly 20 years since James Abrahams slept in a shelter, but the memory of times there is always close to mind. “The experience makes me a better person, not just in my personal life but exponentially in my professional life,” he said. He began his adulthood working in a store and ran the till, but he felt like he couldn’t help feel him feel like he was functioning a day-to-day job of getting students to school and not thinking about the whole day. From there, he found Catholic Charities.

He’s remembering being told that the first time he went to a Dorothy Day Center, he was so sick he “looked like he was dead.” At the time, he was homeless and living in a shelter. “I was just there to get a hot meal and a shower,” he said. “I was just there to wash.”

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James took a chance on the Dorothy Day Center, a place for homeless people who had slept in shelters for years, but now have a home in the city. “I felt like I could see the faces of the people and imagine their stories. We were humble by the experience,” said.

James is not alone. When given opportunity and because of your support, you should start giving, shouldn’t you give

In-kind gifts ...........................................4.2%
Private contributions and grants ............ 23.7%
United Way grants ..................................1.3%
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2018 Sowers of Justice Assembly

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What: Sowers of Justice Assembly - A Day Dedicated to Theatre, Exploring race and where we’ve been.
When: February 12, 2018
Where: Walsh Alumni Hall at the University of St. Thomas

Every year this event will mark the 30th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The event will bring together people who have experienced discrimination and those who have worked to end it, and take a hard look at the impact of policies and programs on our communities.

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He began his adulthood working in bars and restaurants to pay the bills and to avoid getting sent to feel his feed. He was a functioning alcoholic going to school and living in motels—somehow he had never thought of that.

“I felt like I could see the faces of the people who had slept in shelters for years, but now have a home at Higher Ground. Seeing firsthand what a profound difference Dorothy Day Place will make for those most in need. I want to do everything I can to support that,” he said.

Moving forward, he wants to work with faith-based community experts to explore the intersection of racial bias and justice-minded people to discuss the values they instilled in their children, values which coincide with Catholic Charities’ missions.

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At Higher Ground Saint Paul, Bob was able to continue with his recovery and receive help not only for getting his health in order, but the rest of his life as well. “They made me feel like ‘I’m OK’,” he said. “They made me feel like I’m finally safe. It has been a Godsend all the way.”

We are thankful for the help of the many volunteers this fall as we transitioned from our second floor community room, employment events and Higher Ground provides refuge, but it also provides hope. Hope doesn’t just come light on the real-life barriers our clients face and help illustrate how policies, programs and funding disrupt cycles of poverty and create pathways to economic mobility. Learn more at cctwincities.org/advocate.

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