



# JOIN THE \$100,000 "VOTE WITH YOUR DOLLARS" WINTER CAMPAIGN!



**ELECTION SEASON** IS UPON US, BUT THERE IS NO DEBATE: PEOPLE IN CRISIS ARE HURTING. WE NEED REAL AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS NOW.

**BY DONATING** TO A SAFE HAVEN, YOU DIRECTLY CAST YOUR BALLOT TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED, INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMS WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF HELPING THE HOMELESS ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

**\$.79 OF EVERY \$1** AT A SAFE HAVEN GOES DIRECTLY TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO TRANSFORM LIVES.

**TRANSFORM A LIFE. PLEASE DONATE BEFORE DEC. 31 TO QUALIFY FOR A 2011 TAX DEDUCTION.**

**CAST YOUR BALLOT TODAY TO HELP A SAFE HAVEN REACH OUR QUARTERLY GOAL - \$100,000 - TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND.**

**PLUS, EVERY CAMPAIGN DONOR HAS THE OPTION TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON A PETITION TO ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT TAXPAYER MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT JUST AS WISELY.**

**WE NEED 2000 PEOPLE TO DONATE \$50 BY QUARTER'S END.**

**TAKE A STAND DURING ELECTION SEASON: DONATE AND SIGN THE PETITION BY MAIL OR AT [WWW.ASAFEHAVEN.ORG](http://WWW.ASAFEHAVEN.ORG).**

MAKING A FAMILY **SELF-SUFFICIENT** THROUGH A SAFE HAVEN'S PROGRAMS: UNDER \$10,000. THE ALTERNATIVE, OF HOMELESSNESS OR PRISON & FOSTER CARE: OVER \$50,000 WITH LOW RESULTS. **TAKE ACTION** - VOTE WITH YOUR DOLLARS AT [ASAFEHAVEN.ORG](http://ASAFEHAVEN.ORG)



## 2011 IMPACT AT A SAFE HAVEN

• Job placement and retention rates at A Safe Haven hit #1 national ranking



• Voted "Best Marriage of Money & Mission" by members of the national Social Enterprise Alliance

• A Safe Haven served over 500 homeless veterans who served our country



• First-ever "RUN! To End Homelessness" 5K and live aid concert in Douglas Park drew hundreds

• Job fair for residents with Southwest Airlines, Marriott, Chase Bank, and more



• Opened Veteran Suites, providing 2-year transitional housing for homeless vets

## YOUR GIFT AT WORK: A FAMILY REUNITES

*Please make more stories like Charmaine's possible by donating, perhaps in honor or memory of a loved one, by mail or at [ASAFEHAVEN.ORG](http://ASAFEHAVEN.ORG).*

Charmaine Bowman, from Skokie, IL, was depressed when her mother passed away from cancer when Charmaine was just 23. She self-medicated with drugs, which, she says wryly, "did not make my situation any better." The resulting addiction led to incarceration and a rock bottom when she gave birth in prison to her daughter, Aniya. When released in 2009, Charmaine resolved to get her life together and reunite with her two oldest children. Luckily, she found A Safe Haven.

After receiving treatment, Charmaine took advantage of all A Safe Haven had to offer. She began with morning meditations and attended 12-step meetings and pre-employment classes. She enrolled in our Landscaping & Snow Removal Professional Institute, which allowed her to transition to her own apartment. "I went from a kid that could barely clean my room to keeping the whole apartment clean."



Charmaine is graduating from the Landscaping Professional Institute with marketable skills and plans to enroll in school. Having demonstrated stable employment and housing, she is regaining custody of her sons Anthony, who earns A's and B's, and Alex, named "Most Improved" in kindergarten. Charmaine rises before dawn to take Aniya to daycare and get to work; in the evening she attends financial literacy classes and the daycare's parent committee meetings. She still attends 12-step meetings and does morning meditations so she can get "that extra little push of something positive."

"I have two extra years of job training experience where I've shown that I can be reliable. It gives you happiness. You're up at 4 o'clock going to do something positive. When I'm taking my kids to school in the morning, I can point to the flowers and say, 'I did that.' It gives you an accomplishment. It builds your self-esteem. It makes you feel good."

## BE A PART OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- **TRANSFORM a life: make an impact in our "Vote With Your Dollars" Winter Campaign by mail or at [ASAFEHAVEN.ORG](http://ASAFEHAVEN.ORG).**
- **Buy Be!** nail products & other great gifts that employ and empower via [ASafeHaven.org](http://ASafeHaven.org).
- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT to discuss your long-term giving strategy.**
- **Host a fundraising party: we'll provide the speaker. Call 773.435.8363.**
- **VOLUNTEER. Call 773.435.8381.**
- **VOTE Dec. 1 - 31 at [LoveBugContest.com](http://LoveBugContest.com) for A Safe Haven to win a car to raffle to YOU!**





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*"A Safe Haven is a model for this kind of thing throughout the country, and probably should be throughout the world."*  
-Award-winning WGN journalist Rick Kogan

With your help, A Safe Haven can create jobs to help the homeless become self-sufficient and stay warm this winter and beyond, Look inside.



## INSIDE

- Mother of 3 overcomes depression, addiction, and homelessness to reunite with family!
- The record-breaking winter weather combines with record homelessness, unemployment, and foreclosures... What can you do?

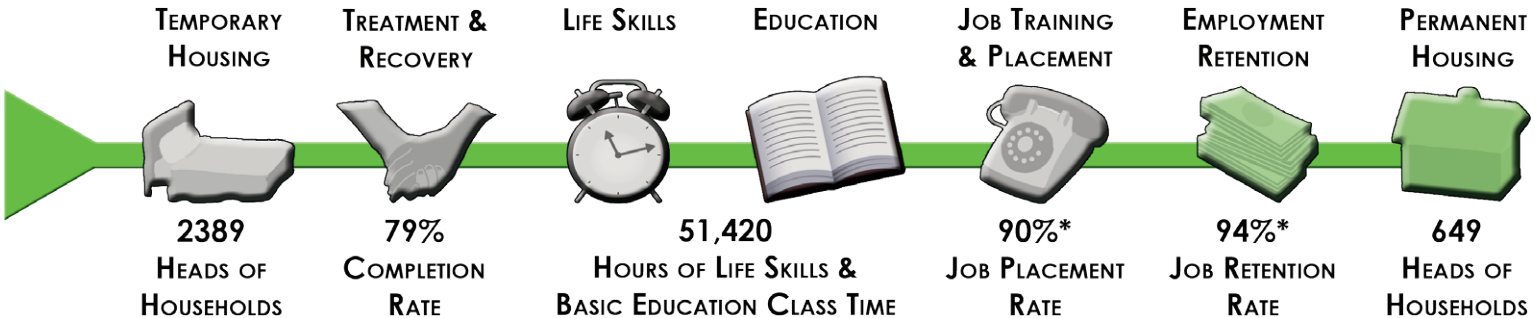
### SOME 2011 HIGHLIGHTS AT A SAFE HAVEN

- Built on-site urban farms with Kellogg School of Management & Yellow Tractor Program!
- We built a playground with the help of KaBOOM!, Dr Pepper Snapple, and Rahm Emanuel and his family.
- We were in ABC, WGN, WBEZ, MakeItBetter, Loyola Mag, Crain's, Negocios Now, Al-Jazeera English, & Comcast Newsmakers

## PLUS...

- Shop for gifts that make a difference!
- Need commercial snow removal? Call (773) 435-8393 to hire our social enterprise & create jobs!

## 2011: A SAFE HAVEN BY THE NUMBERS



**\$3,898,900:** TOTAL ANNUAL ESTIMATED EARNINGS OF RESIDENTS PLACED INTO EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

**ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REALITIES DEMAND A NEW APPROACH. SUPPORT AN INNOVATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE MODEL TO END HOMELESSNESS SUSTAINABLY FOR NEARLY 4,000 INDIVIDUALS EVERY YEAR.**

Totals are 1/1/11-11/17/11, scaled through 12/31/11. Service plans and programs are administered based on individual needs. \*Employment success rates are for participants in A Safe Haven's U.S. Department of Labor-funded workforce development program.