

# Strength *for the* Journey

2016 Annual Report

*“When I first contacted CAWC I felt like I didn’t have a purpose. At first, I worked constantly with CAWC. I would meet with them twice a week and then as I got stronger, once a week. As I felt more independent I would go less and less. They would give me books to read and activities to do—things like that. They gave me the courage to continue to fight for myself and my family and everyone else who has supported me. They were just there when I needed them the most. Because of CAWC I got a degree in social work and I’m working on my master’s now. I work with families in Pilsen on the Southside of Chicago.”*

– CAWC Client

## Domestic Violence is Much More Than You Think

The degree of visible injury is not what defines an act as abusive. It’s the occurrence of the behavior itself and the resulting atmosphere of power and control. Abuse and battering include any and all behaviors that harm and/or result in power and control over another person. These include:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Psychological
- Economic
- Sexual Abuse
- Sexual Exploitation

Add to this, threatening behaviors that limit an individual’s personal power and/or create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Jealousy, controlling behavior, isolation, cruelty to children, cruelty to animals, any use of force during sex, verbal abuse, threats of aggression...it’s all domestic violence. The impact is the same.

1 IN 4 

U.S. WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1 IN 6 

U.S. WOMEN WHO HAVE  
SURVIVED ATTEMPTED OR  
COMPLETED SEXUAL ASSAULT

3 

U.S. WOMEN MURDERED BY  
THEIR PARTNERS EACH DAY

Source: National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

*You or someone you know has likely been a victim of domestic violence.*





# 84

ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED DEATHS BETWEEN JUNE 2013 AND JULY 2014

# 501

UNMET REQUESTS FOR HELP ON A SINGLE DAY IN 2015

# 58

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS TO CHICAGO POLICE PER DAY

# 95%

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM CALLS ARE MADE BY WOMEN

## About Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a serious, widespread social problem in Chicago, Illinois, and the United States.

- In the U.S., 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>1</sup>
- In the U.S., the majority of domestic violence is committed against females (76%) compared to males (24%).<sup>2</sup>
- In Illinois, between July 2013 and June 2014, there were 84 domestic violence-related deaths, including 15 children.<sup>3</sup>
- In Illinois, on a single day in 2015 during which a census was taken, there were 501 unmet requests for services from victims of domestic violence. Of those requests, 55% were for housing and nearly all unmet requests were related to a lack of public or private funding.<sup>4</sup>
- In Chicago, the police department receives an average of 58 domestic violence-related calls per day; 95% of victim calls are made by women.<sup>5</sup>
- Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior.<sup>6</sup>
- Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80% more likely to have a stroke, 70% more likely to have heart disease, 60% more likely to have asthma and 70% more likely to drink heavily than women who have not experienced intimate partner violence.<sup>7</sup>
- Children exposed to violence and trauma exhibit significantly higher levels of emotional and behavioral problems than their non-exposed peers. Witnessing or experiencing violence has been linked to lower grade-point averages, more negative remarks in their cumulative records, and more reported absences from school than other students.<sup>8</sup>

## A Quick Look *at Who We Are and What We Do*

CAWC has always realized the imperative of action, rather than debate. This mindset is apparent to anyone who fully grasps the enormity of what we have accomplished and the number of lives we have changed or possibly saved in just 40 years.

Established in 1976, CAWC is the oldest domestic violence agency in Chicago. Since that day, CAWC has continued to deliver ground-breaking services and programs in the effort to achieve our mission to end domestic violence. CAWC is proud to be:

- The FIRST organization in Chicago to establish a hotline for domestic violence victims.
- The FIRST organization in Chicago to provide a 24-hour shelter for battered women; Greenhouse Shelter remains a safe place for women and their children today.
- The FIRST organization to provide domestic violence education at Haymarket Center. Haymarket Center is the third largest center for alcohol and substance addiction in Illinois.
- One of the FIRST organizations in Chicago to provide an outreach program for survivors of domestic violence in Humboldt Park.
- One of the FIRST organizations *in the country* to institute medical-based domestic violence programming. Programming is currently established in both Stroger Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

## On Any Given Day

We provide life-changing support to women and children when they need it the most. Our staff is trained to administer comprehensive assistance through crisis intervention, danger assessment, in-depth counseling, advocacy (including legal advocacy), education, safety planning, and much more.

On any given day you will find our dedicated staff members:

- Taking in a woman and her children after a night of violence
- Counseling a woman and her child through our help lines
- Screening patients for domestic violence at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Stroger Hospital
- Training community members
- Helping a survivor secure an order of protection
- Facilitating group and individual education activities
- Teaching life skills
- Investigating new resources
- Recruiting volunteers
- Advocating for clients
- Working with children to help break the cycle of violence in families
- Just holding someone's hand and listening

*“If it hadn't been for CAWC I would have felt like there was nothing I could do. Getting that order of protection was a turning point in my life.”*

– CAWC Client





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YEARS OF SERVICES AND  
SUPPORT PROVIDED BY  
CAWC FOR VICTIMS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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## Letter from the Executive Director and the Board President

Dear Friends,

The theme of this annual report is *Strength for the Journey*. So what exactly does that mean to CAWC? It means giving women who are physically and emotionally harmed or threatened the strength to rise; to continue pushing through when it seems like there is no way out.

Our clients often tell us that CAWC is inspirational, but what thrills Kevin and me is the lasting, transformational effect of what we do: to provide safe shelter for victims/survivors fleeing an abusive situation and help them see that a better life is within their grasp; to see sad, confused children enter our shelter, process what happened, and envision the future in a happy, supportive home. This is the transformation that breaks the cycle of violence for generations that follow.

Many people don't understand that domestic violence has a ripple effect; that it impacts families, employers, the workplace, the community, and society. CAWC disrupts that ripple through a carefully developed network of support services and by creating accountability for perpetrators, institutions, and the community.

Kevin and I are most grateful for the success of this wonderful organization and the opportunity to work with an experienced, dedicated team of helping professionals and board members that are both compassionate and passionate about transforming lives.

Also, we cannot fully express our gratitude for the support of our generous donors throughout this year. One of the events that impressed me most during this last year in particular was that on some of the coldest winter nights, while other people were at home in their warm beds, women and children in great need braved the cold and came to us for services. Because of you, we were able to open our doors and our resources to them. We will never turn our backs on individuals seeking help, but we need your continued support to do that. This has never been truer than now while government funding is severely limited.

You have already seen an alarming statistic in this report that underscores this: In Illinois, on a single representative day in 2015, there were 501 unmet requests for services from victims of domestic violence. Of those requests, 55% were for housing and nearly all unmet requests were related to a lack of public or private funding. We don't know which social service organizations had to turn away these victims, all we can say is, because of you, it wasn't us.

As you turn the pages, you will understand the meta issues and how we effectively address them. But the essential truth is that we (CAWC and you) provide women and children with strength for the journey to a healthy, productive future. Together we save lives.

With Kindest Regards,

Stephanie Love-Patterson, Executive Director

Kevin A. Krakora, Board President

# Our History *and* Mission

CAWC is committed to ending domestic violence. Using a self-help, empowerment approach, we provide counseling, advocacy, education, a 24-hour hotline for people affected by domestic violence, and a shelter for women and children. We connect families to resources that offer a range of services including legal and financial.

## About CAWC

In 1976, a landmark meeting was held in Chicago to address the crisis of abused women. This meeting resulted in a task force that ultimately became the Chicago Abused Women Coalition, today known as Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC). We are the oldest domestic violence agency in Chicago.

Domestic violence can affect anyone at any time – there are no economic, ethnic, gender, age, education, or geographic barriers to becoming a victim. However, CAWC serves primarily women and children from Chicago's most economically depressed neighborhoods; more than 86% of the women and children seeking help from CAWC live below the federal poverty level.

Most of our clients face multiple obstacles to rebuilding their lives after experiencing domestic violence including homelessness, language barriers, insufficient education, lack of legal and financial resources, drug addiction, lack of a support network, and unemployment.

CAWC supports survivors of domestic violence and their children in overcoming these barriers by not only providing shelter, but also through direct services in counseling, life-skills training and case management. CAWC also facilitates healing and independence through substance abuse programs, job training programs, placement in affordable housing, and other resources that provide strength for the journey.

CAWC is a 501(c)3 designated nonprofit governed by a volunteer, 22-member Board of Directors. We are a member of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network and an ICDVP approved supervision, training, and CEU site.

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# 86%

OF WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN  
SEEKING HELP  
FROM CAWC  
LIVE BELOW THE  
POVERTY LINE

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*“We have been around for so long that people are familiar with our name. We have a great reputation and that gives us credibility.”*

– Courtney Walton, Domestic Violence Counselor/Advocate at Stroger

## Our Impact

*“It’s not every day you see a client leave a domestic violence relationship. They can be paralyzed by the situation. When they do, it has a big impact on their lives.”*

– Erika Rosen, Project Services Coordinator, Northwestern

Last year, through four programs – Greenhouse Shelter, the Hospital Crisis Intervention Project, the Humboldt Park Outreach Program, and Domestic Violence Services at Haymarket Center – CAWC empowered hundreds of women and children to regain control of their lives. We also reached 8,907 community members and healthcare practitioners through professional training, educational presentations, outreach events, and institutional advocacy efforts. All of this was made possible by donors like you. With your help and our relentless work, we improved the lives of countless people in the City of Chicago.





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# 8,907

COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
AND HEALTHCARE  
PRACTITIONERS  
REACHED THROUGH  
CAWC PROGRAMS

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## Cordelia's Journey

Domestic violence can happen to anyone at anytime. I was 22, married, and with a baby when things started changing in the marriage. My husband would behave violently and I didn't know why. I finally realized that he was abusing drugs. There was physical abuse and threats; this was not the life that I wanted for me or my son.

Finally, I left home with the baby, food, and diapers, and the clothes on my back, but I had what was priceless to me – my son. It was then that my aunt connected me with CAWC.

As I went through therapy at CAWC, I learned about drugs and how they contributed to the violence. During the three months I was at the shelter, there were group sessions that helped to empower us; to revive our self-esteem and to know our value—that we are not destined for a life of verbal or physical abuse.

CAWC connected me with a legal advocate and secured an order of protection on my behalf. They accompanied me to court and provided shelter, food, and clothing—everything I needed. I had dreams for a better life, but had no idea how it was going to be possible without an income. This awesome organization and its team held my hand and showed me the way out. They were my guiding light and my strength. They became my family.

Years after I left the shelter, I ran into a former counselor from CAWC. I let her know how much the organization meant to me, how she had personally made me feel safe, and how grateful I was. In turn, she saw that not only had I survived, but I had thrived—proof that her and CAWC's work matters. When I was invited to be on the Board, I was glad to have the opportunity to give back. I am 48 now and my son is 27. For us, partly because of CAWC, this was a very happy ending.

A woman's kids are her priority. The kids are the reason women leave the abusive environment and also the reason they go back. They sacrifice for their children. We want Greenhouse Shelter to be an environment where children feel like they are on their way to a better life, rather than just wanting to go home. We want it to be a place where women feel comfortable and can plan out the rest of their lives so they do not go back. But we need money for that.

The heart of the people that work at CAWC is so important, but it is the money people donate that makes the difference. Money moves mountains. When I was getting ready to leave the shelter, I needed the down payment for an apartment and if someone hadn't donated that money, it would not have been possible. Most women go back because they don't see a way that they can provide for their family—CAWC can help, but we need money to do so!



## How We Change Lives

We are not about numbers, we are about outcomes. While it is important to us that we serve as many people in abusive situations as possible, we focus on providing the kind of intensive long-term support that leads to positive outcomes. In the information that follows, there are numbers—we know the names, hard work, and successes behind those numbers.

## Greenhouse Shelter

Greenhouse Shelter provides crucial safe refuge and support to help women and their children take those first brave steps toward ending abuse. Greenhouse Shelter is one of the largest shelters in the city of Chicago, providing safe refuge for women and their children 24/7/365. The shelter has 42 beds and operates at full capacity year round.

The facility provides core domestic violence services including: a 24-hour crisis line and counseling services; safe refuge; safety planning; court advocacy; individual and group counseling for women and children; life skills development; and referrals. A team of professionals work hand-in-hand with the residents to begin the healing process and create lives free from violence.

The shelter offers many unique and culturally-specific services – including the availability of multilingual services. Currently, the majority of staff speaks more than one language with fluency in English, Spanish, and French.

In fiscal year 2016, 52 women moved to permanent housing after departing from Greenhouse and 25 obtained employment while still residing at the shelter. During that time period, Greenhouse Shelter:

- Provided a total of 13,354 nights of shelter for 237 people (84 women and 153 children).
- Answered 3,950 hotline calls.
- Provided 56,105 meals to residents.

In all, 98% of the women who came through the shelter reported learning more about domestic violence as a crime and available legal options; 98% of women reported learning more about safety planning skills to keep themselves safe during future incidents of violence; and 95% of children reduced the negative impact of domestic violence in their lives.<sup>9</sup>

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# 237

PEOPLE PROVIDED  
WITH SHELTER

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*“If it wasn't for Greenhouse Shelter, I don't know where I would be with my daughters. I am thankful for all the assistance the staff has provided me with and continues to give me.”*

– CAWC Client





## Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP)

HCIP, housed at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, provides direct services to adult victims of domestic violence. The goals of HCIP are:

1. To provide quality onsite crisis intervention and counseling to domestic violence victims at the moment they seek medical care.
2. To train healthcare providers to identify, assess and effectively refer victims of abuse to intervention services.
3. To improve the healthcare system's response to domestic violence victims through training, outreach, and representing client interests on public committees and task forces.

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2,833

HEALTHCARE  
PROVIDERS REACHED

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Whether services are provided at bedside, as a follow-up to a medical visit, or through hospital personnel we have trained, HCIP services are critical to re-empowering victims. In fiscal year 2016, HCIP staff reached 2,833 healthcare providers through professional trainings and public education events. In addition, 150 patients were provided with crisis intervention, individual counseling and advocacy services.

*“Developing a safety plan has been integral in my decision to leave my abusive relationship. With help of the Counselor here at HCIP Northwestern, I was able to leave the home I shared with my abusive boyfriend in a way that provided safety to me and my children.”*

– CAWC Client

## Children's Services

Domestic violence is especially hard on children who have witnessed the abuse. Not only is their own personal safety threatened, but this exposure affects their ability to learn, to establish relationships with others, and to cope with stress. We provide support to child victims of domestic violence through comprehensive Children's Services at our Greenhouse Shelter and Humboldt Park Outreach Program sites. The goal of Children's Services is to reduce the negative impact of domestic violence by addressing safety issues as well as emotional, psychological and behavioral consequences. Our goal is for these children to grow into emotionally healthy adults and break the cycle of violence that might otherwise persist through generations.



## Humboldt Park Outreach Program (HPOP)

HPOP is a community-based counseling program for victims of domestic violence who have either left a temporary shelter and begun independent lives or who have not yet made the decision to leave their abuser. HPOP provides a full range of bilingual and bicultural (Spanish/English) core domestic violence services to survivors of domestic violence on a walk-in or appointment basis. A team of professionals provides advocacy and support services including:

- Crisis intervention
- Counseling
- Safety planning
- Information and referral
- Legal advocacy

*“CAWC’s location is important—they are right in the community where they are needed the most and where people can access their services easily.”*

– CAWC Client

HPOP also offers an enhanced child services component. This includes assessment, individualized treatment plans, individual therapy, and family therapy. Education about violence and abuse, as well as self-esteem building exercises strengthen each child’s coping skills.

HPOP provides individual and group counseling services to increase women’s and children’s safety and self-sufficiency with the following results:

- Nearly all HPOP clients demonstrated an increase in family functioning.
- All HPOP clients reported an increase in their knowledge of the dynamics of domestic violence.
- All children were able to name safety strategies for themselves.
- All mothers reported an increase in knowledge about the impact domestic violence has on their children.

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# 287

PARTICIPANTS  
SERVED AT HPOP  
(252 ADULTS AND  
35 CHILDREN)

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## Domestic Violence Services at Haymarket Center

Haymarket Center is an important resource for victims of domestic violence with active alcohol and chemical addictions. The objective is for clients to overcome these serious issues simultaneously. In fiscal year 2016, the CAWC counselor based at Haymarket provided on-site domestic violence group education, advocacy, life skills, and individual counseling services to 136 patients in residential, outpatient and aftercare treatment.

Through individual counseling and group education programs, CAWC's services at Haymarket increased victims' safety planning, understanding of domestic violence and their knowledge of how substance abuse factors into their relationships with their abusers. CAWC's services at Haymarket Center also include periodic domestic violence training for all Haymarket staff to ensure they are able to meet the full range of residents' psychosocial and rehabilitative needs.

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# 136

PATIENTS PROVIDED  
WITH INDIVIDUAL  
COUNSELING AND  
EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM SERVICES

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## Outreach, Education *and* Volunteer Involvement

We need caring, committed people with special training to help the community we serve. To that end, we continually evaluate and expand our programs. For example, this past year, we identified trauma training as critical to help ensure an effective response to those in need. In addition to ongoing professional development opportunities for our staff, we coordinate a variety of external outreach efforts to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of domestic violence, and to increase appropriate responses to survivors.

In the last year our staff:

- Conducted 40-hour domestic violence training for 29 participants, including new CAWC volunteers.
- Provided 1,643 service hours to clients through the CAWC Volunteer Program (23 volunteers and interns).
- Reached 3,727 community members through professional trainings, public education presentations and participation in community awareness/outreach events.

# Financial Report

CAWC is in stable financial condition thanks to the generosity of our donors, a diversified funding base and a diligent effort to keep overhead expenses low. We maintain a 6-month cash reserve throughout the year. Our \$1 million investment fund provides income and additional liquidity. Because of our fiscal responsibility, 81 percent of our expenses are for program services. We have a diverse funding base of individuals, foundations, corporations and government grants.

643

INDIVIDUAL  
DONORS

27

FOUNDATION  
FUNDERS

41

CORPORATE  
DONORS

6

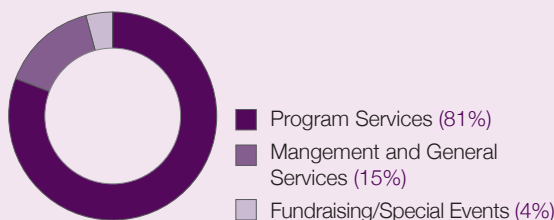
GOVERNMENT  
GRANTS

2016 Revenue: \$1,927,624



Financial stability is important to us so we maintain cash reserves equal to six months of operating expenses.

2016 Expenses: \$1,791,424



We keep our expenses low; 81% of every dollar we spend goes to program services.

## 2016 Statement of Financial Position *as of June 30, 2016*

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	FY16
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 1,155,356	\$ 521,091	\$ 1,676,447
Investments	916,085	15,432	931,517
Grant & contract receivable	217,806		217,806
Prepaid & deposits	4,716		4,716
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,293,963</b>	<b>\$ 536,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,486</b>
<b>Fixed Assets*</b>	<b>19,443</b>		<b>19,443</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,313,406</b>	<b>\$ 536,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,849,929</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 9,610		\$ 9,610
Accrued expenses	54,820		54,820
Deferred revenue	13,514		13,514
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 77,944</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 77,944</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,235,461</b>	<b>\$ 536,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,771,984</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,313,405</b>	<b>\$ 536,523</b>	<b>\$ 2,849,928</b>

\* at cost net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$705,572.

Note: All Financial Information is Unaudited.





## Your Support Means Everything

As Cordelia said, “It is the money people donate that makes the difference.” We cannot fully express our appreciation for the donation of goods and services, but the fact remains that we cannot operate without your generous financial support.

For example, it requires almost \$85 to purchase food for one day for Greenhouse Shelter or to cover the cost of counseling for a mother and child trying to create lives free from violence. Our annual Sounds of Silence Gala and other key fundraising initiatives, such as Allstate’s Purple Purse Campaign, are instrumental to our success. Visit [www.cawc.org](http://www.cawc.org) for more information on how you can contribute to CAWC throughout the year.

CAWC and those who support us believe that all people have a right to violence-free lives. We believe that all people have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. We believe that victims of abuse can regain control of their lives through appropriate support services, information and referral to community services. CAWC continues to thrive with the generous support of donors, funders and other community stakeholders like those listed on the following pages.

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# 8,907

COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
AND HEALTHCARE  
PRACTITIONERS  
REACHED THROUGH  
CAWC PROGRAMS

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*Thank you for your support.*

*Together we give women and their children strength for the journey.*



## FY16 Major Donors over \$500

### Individuals

Hugh and Lisa Abrams  
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“Creating the program at Northwestern was a huge milestone. We worked really hard to get the program in the hospital, including showing them how prevalent domestic violence is.”

– Erika Rosen, Project Services Coordinator, Northwestern

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 Sanctioned Few Sisters  
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*“When you walk in the shelter you feel safe. You don’t feel like people are judging you.  
 When I first walked in I felt like a victim; I left feeling like a survivor.”*

– CAWC Client

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 Baptist Church  
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 Northern Trust Company  
 Northwestern Memorial  
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 Community  
 The Chicago Community  
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 The Irving Harris Foundation  
 The John R. Housby  
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