



HUMBLE DESIGN
CHICAGO

togetherness to end homelessness

2022
impact report



FROM HOMELESS TO HOPEFUL



When does a house become home?

When it's a place that fosters joy, a place for experiencing safety, warmth, and comfort. A place of belonging, and new beginnings.

At Humble Design, our hearts help us do the heavy lifting by offering a fresh start and designing a life-changing space.

Our mission is to change lives and communities by transforming houses into homes for those emerging from homelessness.

With warehouses filled with donated furniture and household goods, we turn empty houses into clean, dignified, and welcoming homes for the recently homeless so that families can begin again.

Our services help provide our clients with sanctuary, stability, and hope – a critical element in ending the cycle of homelessness. It would take an average Humble client 18 years to save enough money to furnish a home in the way we do in just a few hours.

What started as a small endeavor has now blossomed into a national nonprofit and a worldwide movement of empathy for those who feel unseen. Humble Design is revolutionizing the way we approach homelessness by providing not just shelter, but also hope, dignity, and a fresh start. The impact is astounding—families who have been touched by Humble Design now boast an incredible 99% success rate of remaining in their homes, breaking the cycle of homelessness.

We assist in the transformation of lives in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, San Diego, and Seattle.

**Since 2009,
our staff and volunteers
have turned moving in,
into moving forward.**



NATIONAL



HUMBLE NATIONWIDE TOTAL STATISTICS

In 2009, Humble Design was born. Since its inception in Detroit, we have grown to five cities and have helped thousands of individuals restart their lives after exiting homelessness.

2,910+

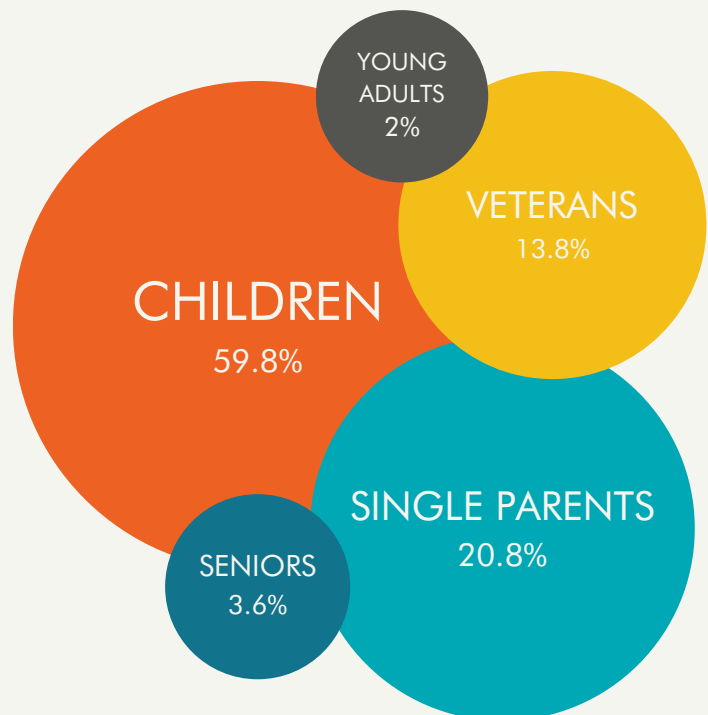
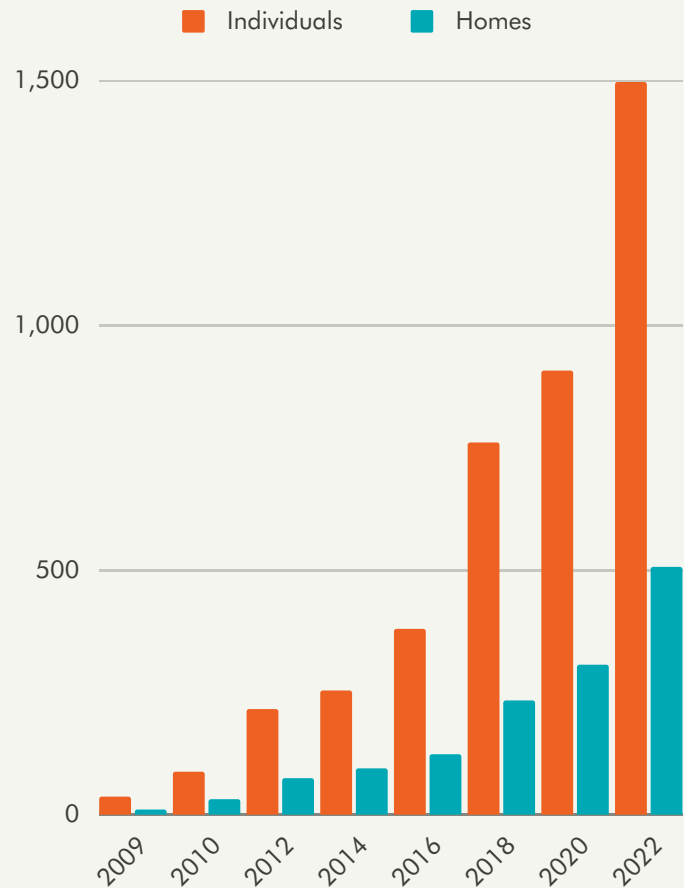
HOMES FURNISHED SINCE 2009*

We furnish each home with the same care, empathy, and dignity we would offer our friends and family.

8,564+

INDIVIDUALS SERVED SINCE 2009*

Entering housing is an important step in the journey out of homelessness, but not enough to solve the problem. Humble Design ends the revolving door of homelessness by creating homes where families can find peace, strength, and hope. We transform a space into a home that fosters comfort, stability, and pride — allowing the families to focus on their personal and financial stability, including education, home life, employment, and building a better future.



CHICAGO HUMBLE DESIGN

In March 2017, Humble Design launched in Chicago. As of May 2023, we have the operational capacity to furnish three-four homes every week. Humble Design Chicago's programming and services help individuals escape poverty and become self-sufficient by eliminating a portion of the high cost of moving into and living in a new home. Homes are located in every corner of Chicago and range in size from studio apartments to five-bedroom homes. Housing is secured by the referring social service agency and the client in partnership.

2022 MISSION

It is our goal in 2024 to serve 150 families who have become recently housed. We believe our model could serve so many more with the growth of our program.



135

Homes Furnished

379

Individuals Served

211

Children in Beds

11

Veterans

4

Community Projects

2,260

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$626,232

RAISED IN 2022

HUMBLE CHICAGO PARTNERS

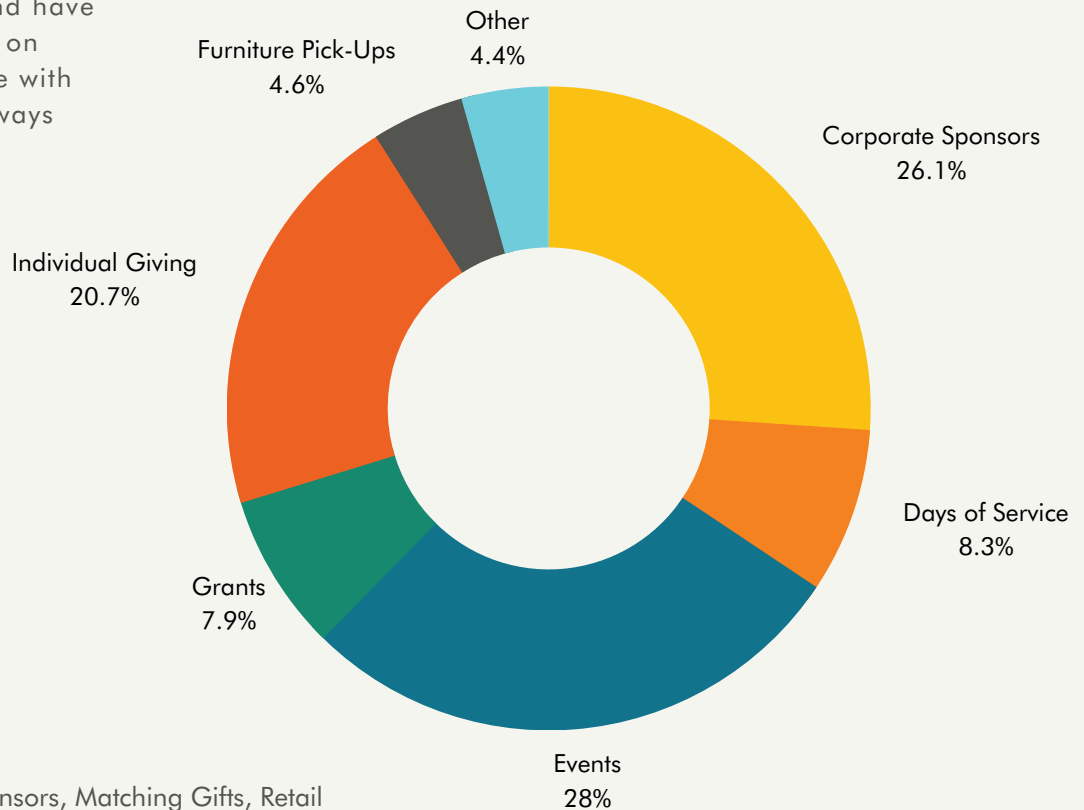
Humble Design plans to expand our services across Chicago- matching our unique delivery model to locations with proven programs supporting individuals and families emerging from homelessness. Chicago is expanding our commitment to professional growth, satisfaction, inclusion, and diversity while aligning our organizational structure to support the implementation of the strategic plan. Moving forward, Humble Design is working to Identify impact measures and collect data at routine intervals and communicate the impact of our work consistently internally and externally with our dedicated community.

After completion of the 2022 audit, we are proud to announce that .86 cents of every dollar raised go to the program at Humble Design.

We are an environmental partner with 1% For The Planet, boast a 99%, four-star rating on Charity Navigator, and have earned a Platinum Level badge on GuideStar. Our donors can give with confidence, knowing we will always steward their gifts with care.

2022

In Kind Goods \$579,623
In Kind Truck \$59,349
In Kind Rent \$119,700



*Other: Organizations, Agency Sponsors, Matching Gifts, Retail

CHICAGO HUMBLE DESIGN IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR 2022 SUPPORTERS



platinum \$100,000+

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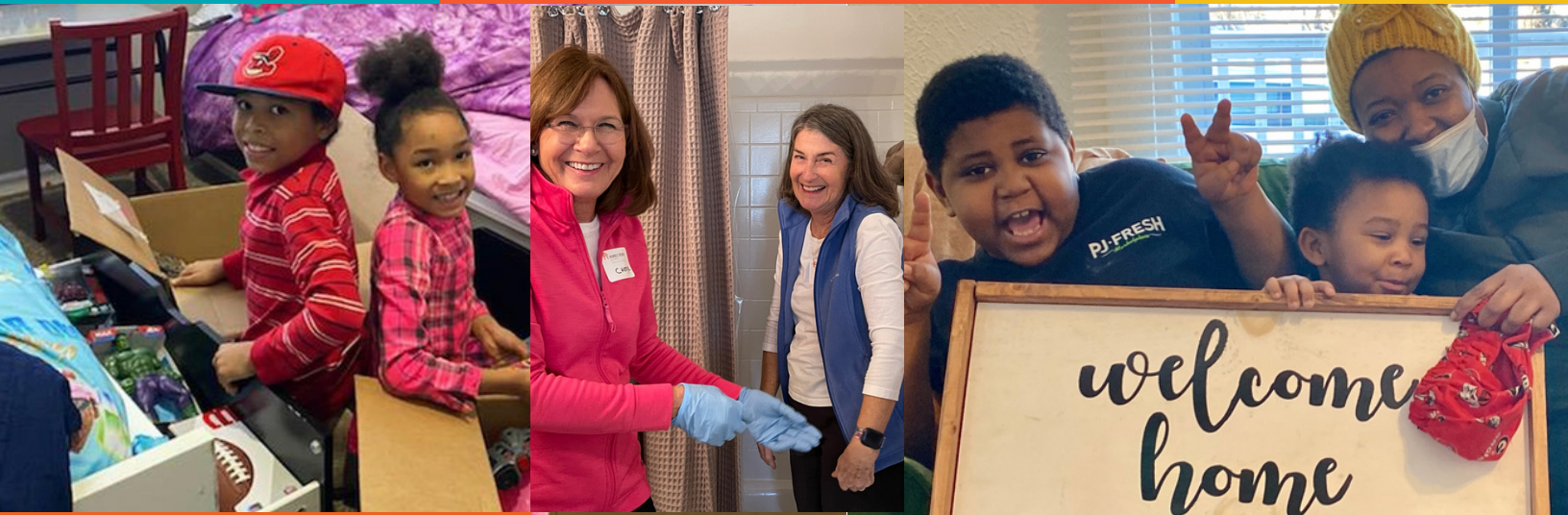
community projects

19,895+

volunteers hours logged

135

houses designed



379

individuals served

1,762,500+

pounds of donated furniture reused with purpose

18

years for most of our families to fully-furnish their homes - given their current income.

211

children in their own Humble beds