

# 20

20 YEARS  
OF LIVING,  
LEARNING AND  
GROWING

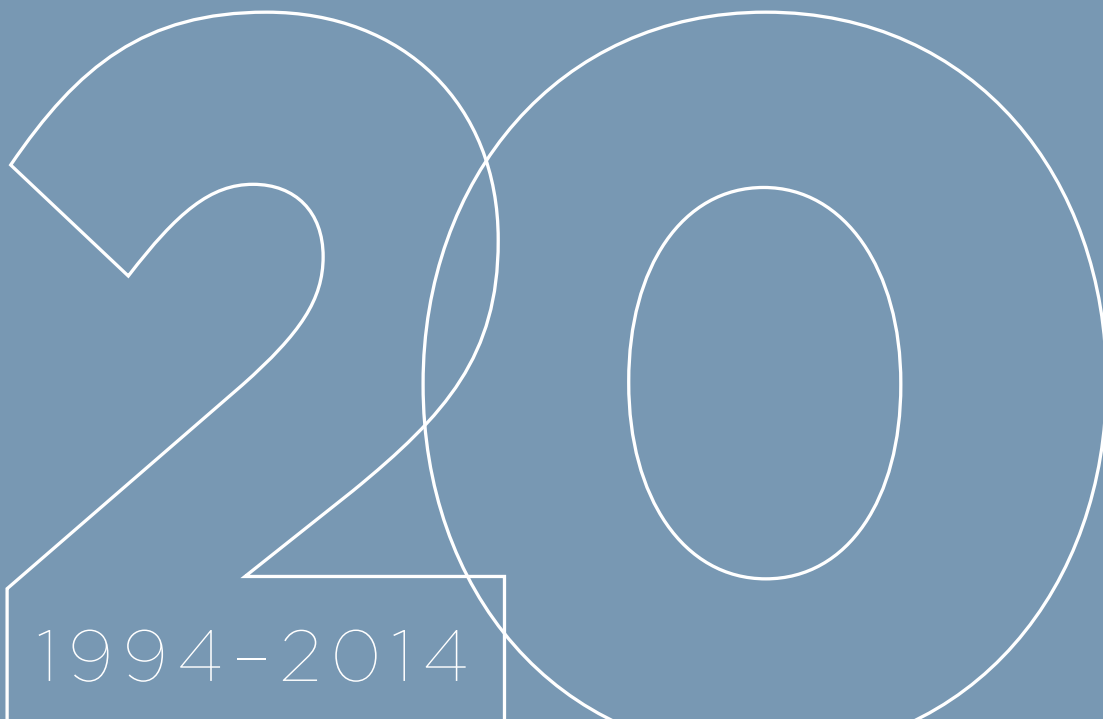


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*Homan Square strives to sustain an environment that helps students and families live their best lives through quality educational, recreational, health-care and family support services; while instilling the desire to dream big dreams and the skills to maximize success. The Homan Square campus includes:*

Chicago Park District  
DRW College Prep High School  
Family Focus Lawndale  
Henry Ford Academy: Power House High  
Holy Family School  
Lawndale Christian Health Center  
North Lawndale YMCA  
Robert Crown Centers for Health Education  
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## Welcome

Homan Square is 20-years old! It is hard to believe that the first homeowners and renters in Phase One of Homan Square housing began moving in two decades ago.

So much has changed and so many extraordinary things have happened. The 350 units of affordable for-sale and rental housing that we built, when it was difficult to get any lender to consider the area, are still fully occupied and appreciating in value. We even have some of the original homeowners and renters still living at Homan Square.

Our fabulous Homan Square Community Center has blossomed into the Community Center Campus. Our original service providers — Lawndale Christian Health Center; Family Focus, North Lawndale; Robert Crown Centers for Health Education; Chicago Park District, and the North Lawndale YMCA Child and Family Center — are all still here and stronger than ever.

To that successful mix we've added two schools. Holy Family School and Henry Ford Academy: Power House High/DRW College Prep provide an education to more than nine hundred students in grades pre-K through 12. The schools have created amazing energy and great opportunities for all of our service providers.

Even more amazing are the friends, supporters and donors who have been with us since the beginning and who brought many others with them along the way. None of this could have happened without Charlie Shaw's grand vision and the generous and steadfast support of so many dedicated individuals, families, organizations and corporations.

Our attention has turned to restoring the original Sears Tower into a hub to help elevate and connect all these efforts. The revitalized Tower will breathe new life into the accomplishments of the past twenty years. We are excited to tell—and show—you more in the coming months.

Sincerely,



Kristin Dean  
President, Foundation for Homan Square



*Kristin Dean*

## John D. and Alexandra C. Nichols Tower at Homan Square— Connecting Past and Present to the Future

The Tower that once served Sears' catalog facility is getting geared up to host an exciting group of new not-for-profits committed to serving North Lawndale residents. The beacon is now poised to become a hub. We have an exciting team of service providers lined up to compliment all that has previously been accomplished at Homan Square.

Thanks in large part to the leadership and generosity of John and Alexandra Nichols, the Tower's restoration is well underway. The next phase involves creating move-in ready spaces for our providers. We are launching a \$2 million capital campaign to allow for the completion of interior renovation and modernization.



## 20th Anniversary of Residences at Homan Square

Homan Square homeowners gathered to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the first families moving into new housing at Homan Square. Many of the original families are still here.

*“Living at Homan Square has been life-changing. It was a leap of faith that became a blessing for me and my family.” — Anthony Scott, 20-year homeowner*



## Celebrating Founding Donors and Supporters

Through the history of Homan Square, there has been a core set of donors and supporters who were here at the start and stayed with us all the way. What began as friends of Charlie Shaw, grew into a dedicated group who not only understood the long-range vision of Homan Square, but were willing to help push it forward.

On November 6th, founding donors and supporters gathered at Homan Square to reminisce, catch up and unveil a permanent tribute to our founding visionary Charlie Shaw.



*“This plaque is a fitting tribute to Charlie and all he did. One of his greatest accomplishments was leaving a legacy of compassion in action that continues to this day.”— Ned Jannotta*



## Homan Rails Farm

Farming is coming to Homan Square! Thanks to a new partnership with Breaking Ground, we will soon be home to a three-quarter acre urban farm. The Homan Rails Farm will use land made available by CSX Railroad to provide essential job training skills to residents, and grow desperately needed fresh produce for the community. Since access to jobs and access to healthy foods are issues for North Lawndale, the Homan Rails Farm is an exciting addition to the Campus.

## Robert Crown Centers for Health Education: New CEO

Our long-time partner The Robert Crown Centers for Health Education (RCC) has a new CEO. R.J. McMahon was previously at Fenwick High School and has experience providing leadership and advocacy for educational nonprofit organizations. We look forward to working closely with Mr. McMahon and RCC to provide outstanding health education to all the young people on the Homan Square Campus.





## Phase VI Apartments

Even though housing construction started more than 20 years ago at Homan Square, it's not over yet. 52 new 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments will be constructed in Phase VI, with occupancy expected in late-fall of 2015. Rents will be affordable to community residents and contribute to addressing the significant need for affordable, high quality rental housing in Chicago.



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