

Programs & Services



24/7/365 Crisis Hotline

Our confidential crisis hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide immediate support, safety planning, access to shelter, and referrals. Trained advocates offer compassionate listening and guidance to anyone affected by domestic violence.



Emergency Shelter

Our emergency shelter provides a safe, secure, and confidential place for survivors and their children fleeing domestic violence. Residents receive immediate support, basic necessities, and access to advocacy services while they work toward safety and stability.



Community-Based Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support

Our community-based advocacy program offers one-on-one support to survivors as they navigate safety planning, legal options, and community resources. Advocates empower individuals to make informed decisions and work toward personal goals at their own pace.



Children's Services

Approximately 2 out of 3 people we serve in shelter are children under the age of 18. Our Children's Services team provides age-appropriate support to help children heal from the effects of domestic violence. Through advocacy, activities, and emotional support, we help children build resilience and feel safe and supported.



Transitional Housing

Our transitional housing program offers longer-term, supportive housing for survivors working toward financial and social stability. Participants receive continued advocacy, case management, and resources to support long-term safety and security.



Outreach and Education

Our outreach and education efforts raise awareness about domestic violence and promote prevention within the community. We provide presentations, training, and resources to schools, organizations, and community partners to foster understanding and change.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER
AND PREVENTION CENTER

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago

2025 year in review

1,116

Individuals Served

9,356

Nights of Shelter

205

Individuals Sheltered

124

Children Served
in Shelter

105

Community-Based
Clients Served

1301

Crisis Calls
Answered

Ways to Support Survivors

Volunteer Your Time

St. Jude House relies on compassionate volunteers to support our mission in many ways, including:

- Child care
- Transportation assistance
- Cleaning and facilities support
- Donation processing
- Outreach and special events
- Crisis line and clerical support
- Every skill and hour makes a difference.

Contact Brielle to learn more about volunteering.

Make a Donation

As a nonprofit organization, St. Jude House is sustained by community generosity. Your support fuels life-saving services for survivors and their children.

Ways to Give:

- Monthly wish-list donations
- Financial contributions
- In-kind services
- Recurring donations
- Corporate partnerships
- Third-party fundraising events

Contact Zanetta to learn more about donating.

NEW for 2026: Additional Ways to Support Survivors

Keys to Freedom Program

Transportation is essential for independence—yet often one of the greatest barriers survivors face.

Through our Keys to Freedom program, supporters can donate a vehicle to St. Jude House. Donated vehicles are then passed directly to a survivor in need, helping them access employment, childcare, medical care, and long-term housing.

A single vehicle can open the door to safety, stability, and opportunity.



Housing Partnerships Needed

Safe, affordable housing remains one of the most urgent challenges for survivors. St. Jude House is actively seeking landlords and property owners who are willing to partner with us by offering affordable rental units and compassionate leasing opportunities.

By working together, we can reduce housing barriers, promote stability, and help survivors thrive beyond shelter.