

WOMEN & CHILDREN



THE ISSUE

WOMEN ARE **DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY POVERTY**

13% OF ALL WOMEN IN ILLINOIS LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE



30% OF CHICAGO CHILDREN **LIVE IN POVERTY**

HUNGRY CHILDREN ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK OF: **HOMELESSNESS** CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS **DEPRESSION & ANXIETY** BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS & MORE

WHAT WE DID



14,519 HOME VISITS

PROVIDED TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



6,305 CHILDREN

RECEIVED FREE NUTRITIOUS MEALS DURING THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUMMER MONTHS



90% OF YOUTH

ENROLLED IN COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL PROGRAM OR EMPLOYED AFTER GRADUATING FROM INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM



178 WOMEN

& THEIR CHILDREN HAD A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE & ACHIEVE SUSTAINED RECOVERY FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE



89,016 FAMILIES

PROVIDED FOOD & RESOURCES AT OUR WIC FOOD CENTERS

OUR IMPACT

94%

OF CLIENTS SERVED IN CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARTS OF LIVING HOME VISITING PROGRAM REPORTED **MORE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH THEIR CHILDREN.**

WHY IT MATTERS

STUDIES SHOW **HOME VISITS** HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON



SCHOOL READINESS



SUPPORTIVE PARENTING PRACTICES



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1,027 CHILDREN

ENGAGED IN OUR NAEYC ACCREDITED DUAL LANGUAGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS PROVIDING ENRICHMENT, SAFETY, & MORE

BY AGE FOUR, CHILDREN WITHOUT ACCESS TO EARLY LEARNING CAN BE **18 MONTHS** BEHIND THEIR PEERS.

WHY IT MATTERS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION RESULTS IN CHILDREN BEING:

53%

LESS LIKELY TO HAVE MULTIPLE ARRESTS

20%

MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

18%

MORE LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED