

*Bonaventure House is  
Always Yours!*



## Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House Connections Aftercare Program

The Connections Aftercare Program provides support to those who have left Bonaventure House and are now living independently. The program, available to all former Bonaventure House residents, offers supportive services to help ensure long-term stability, success, and housing for each former resident. The success of former residents in the program is monitored through an outcome reporting instrument that allows Bonaventure House to better assess and measure program graduates' progress and needs.



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The Connections Aftercare Program is YOUR Safety Net!



"Once you reach a point in life when it's time to change, it's up to you to make that decision. I made that decision and came to Bonaventure House. It's great to get the opportunity to live on the other side of the street for a change."



Marshall C.



# Stay Connected to Bonaventure House

## Connections Aftercare Program

### WHY AFTERCARE?

People who stay connected with services do better. Research shows that more stay stably housed, have better health outcomes, and live longer.

### HOW DO YOU BENEFIT?

- You receive a comprehensive resource directory, a program completion certificate, and a Chicago Area HIV Resource Directory.
- If you are in financial need upon completing the transitional living program at Bonaventure House, you are eligible for a \$200 gift certificate from the Howard Brown Health Center Brown Elephant Resale Shop to purchase items for your new residence.
- You may attend the weekly Aftercare group on Thursday evenings for fellowship, resource information and seminars offered by other community service providers. Talk with current and former residents about what it's like living outside Bonaventure House. Enjoy dinner at Bonaventure House before the meeting begins.

- You'll receive notification when special speakers will make presentations.

### HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM?

When you complete your discharge summary ask your Case Manager to be enrolled in the program.

The Social Work Supervisor will then use your contact information to check in with you every three months to find out how you are doing and if you need any kind of assistance.

You may also call the Social Work Supervisor at the number on this brochure at any time after you leave Bonaventure House if you need help.

**"I learned responsibility while at Bonaventure House. I pay my own bills, I have my own apartment, I now depend on myself to make me happy. Other people just add to my joy."**

**Lucretia C.**

### CONNECTIONS AFTERCARE PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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### AFTERCARE SUPPORTERS

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**"I now have my own place to live where I'm responsible for paying the rent, I work full time, and I'm in architecture school where I have a full scholarship. It never would have happened without Bonaventure."**

**Jim B.**



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Bonaventure House

Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House has provided over 1,200 people with HIV/AIDS housing services since opening in 1989. Today it offers two-year transitional housing/recovery home services to its 35 residents, preparing them to move toward independent community living upon program completion.

Bonaventure House is a ministry of the Alexian Brothers who have served people at the margins of society for 700 years, guided by the values of compassion, dignity of the person, care of the poor, holism, and partnership.