



The ARK in 2021: Life-changing impact

ONE CLIENT AT A TIME



Over the past year, The ARK's staff and volunteers supported over 4,000 clients, including 500 new clients who came to us during a time of growing community need.

The ARK provided \$1 million in financial assistance and fed 2,000 households. The ARK was there to provide dedicated and compassionate case management and to ensure that community members received free medical care and medication. The ARK was there to meet the needs of Jewish families, 1 in 5 who are struggling financially according to the recent 2020 Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Study.

Everything we do at The ARK is powered by our community. We are grateful for all who gave, volunteered, and helped us deliver life-changing services with empathy, dedication, and care.

With gratitude, and warm wishes for a healthy 2022,

MARNA GOLDWIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SEE HOW THE ARK
DELIVERED IN 2021.





“The ARK supported me, helped me learn how to budget and take care of my daughter like I never thought possible.” ARK CLIENT

60%

of ARK clients utilize food and pantry services, including personal care and household items not covered by government benefits.

Delivered

\$1 million

in financial assistance, primarily for housing.

Filled **10,000**

free prescriptions, delivered free medical, dental and vision care, all fulfilling the community's greatest unmet need.*

*2020 Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Study

LIFE CHANGING: CASE MANAGEMENT | EMPLOYMENT | COMMUNITY DRIVEN

All ARK services are free, powered through the generosity of donors.

Employment Services uses **5 Key Steps** to prepare clients for their job search to find the “right fit” job.

The ARK's impact reaches across **7** Illinois counties, **80%** in Cook and Lake. Our individualized service runs deep.



I sought help at The ARK finding a new job. You gave me hope. You helped me prepare for the job search, walked me through all the steps so I could land on my feet. And I did.” ARK CLIENT



ENRICHING LIVES: VOLUNTEERING | JEWISH LIFE | MENTAL HEALTH



“We are loyal to our legacy when we give to The ARK to support healthcare, financial needs and all needs of those who are Jewish, underserved and deserve a welcoming, warm place for care.” ARK DONOR

900

backpacks with school supplies and

700

Chanukah gifts

50

volunteers delivered

400

Passover meals and packed hundreds of Kosher for Passover food packages

1,200 volunteers contributed **6,700 hours** of dedicated service

Intensive Day Program provides counseling, expressive arts, Torah study and classes to those with mental health challenges, uplifting participants and creating community.