

The Community We Serve



"I was not judged when asking for help to afford my groceries, prescriptions, and medical expenses. The support I have received is beyond my wildest dreams."

1 in 5

Jewish families in the Chicagoland area struggle to make ends meet*

*2020 Metropolitan Chicago Jewish Population Study

1/3

of our clients are employed but do not earn enough to cover basic needs

20%

have children living at home

60%

rely on The Ark's food pantry

"The Ark helped us with our mortgage and utility payments and provided back-to-school supplies. The Ark is our lifeline."

70%

spend over 1/3 of their income on housing,

exceeding Health and Human Services Dept. federal poverty level guideline

50%

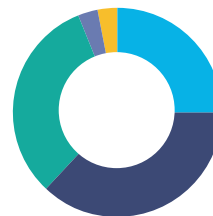
rely on financial assistance for rent expenses and transportation

Anchored in empathy and powered by community, each year The Ark serves 4,000 individuals with dignity.



LOCATION

- 59% Chicago
- 20% North Suburbs
- 14% Northwest Suburbs
- 7% Other



AGE

- 25% Under 18
- 37% 18-54
- 32% 55-85
- 3% 85+
- 3% Unknown



EDUCATION

- 48% College/Graduate School
- 24% High School
- 23% Some College
- 5% Some High School

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