

# 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%**

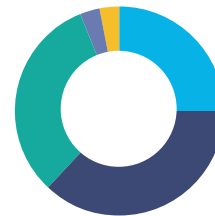
**rely on financial assistance for rent expenses and transportation**

**Anchored in empathy and powered by community, The Ark serves 5,000 families and individuals annually.**



**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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