

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS

- › NEARLY 50% OF CHICAGOLAND RENTERS MUST SPEND MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THEIR INCOMES ON HOUSING
- › A WORKER NEEDS TO MAKE AT LEAST \$17.33/HOUR TO AFFORD A 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN OUR REGION AT THE FAIR-MARKET PRICE OF \$901 PER MONTH. MINIMUM WAGE IN ILLINOIS IS \$6.50/HOUR.



what matters.

Affordable housing is a serious issue in our region but, together with United Way, we're addressing it. By supporting United Way, we're providing assistance in locating and securing affordable housing. We're providing legal aid for people who are at risk of losing their homes. We're providing financial literacy training to help families determine what they can afford, how to create a budget and what it takes to get a mortgage—and so much more. Together, we're giving people the support they need to overcome life's challenges and lead self-sufficient lives.