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### SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Every April, Heartland Alliance celebrates our volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week. In 2018, over 800 volunteers contributed almost 130,000 hours of service to Heartland Alliance programs. Their



efforts, energy, and dedication is immeasurable. Read more about our volunteers and how they help to create Equity and Opportunity for All.

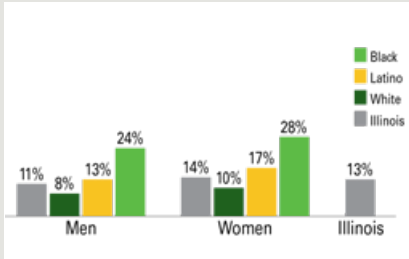
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Join Heartland Alliance and READI Chicago at Filter Photo on May 3 for the culminating exhibition of the 2018/2019 Diane Dammeyer Fellowship recipient, Sasha Phylars-Burgess. The exhibition will open with a behind-the-scenes documentary of the making of a film by READI Chicago participants, followed by a panel discussion featuring Austin community activist Zerlina Smith and Heartland Housing's Rob Breymaier. The event will conclude with a performance by DJ "Looney Givenchy," also a READI Chicago participant.

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### ILLINOIS POVERTY

A recent report finds mainly women of color are in poverty in Illinois and improving their financial status would boost the overall economy in the state. The report from the research arm of the Heartland Alliance. Via NPR Illinois.

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### REFUGEES & HOUSING

Resettlement agencies say refugees are moving to the suburbs in search of cheaper homes and better-paying jobs. Via The Chicago Reader.

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### REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

A local organization is hoping to help end gun violence in Chicago by offering a job and therapy to the men affected by the epidemic. Via NBC 5 Chicago.

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### READI CHICAGO & THE CHICAGO BEARS

Bears Chairman George McCaskey and running back Tarik Cohen visited the North Lawndale site of READI Chicago, a program designed to decrease gun violence in Chicago by providing jobs and cognitive behavioral therapy for those most at risk in the community.

**CHICAGO TRIBUNE** ▶

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## SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE: MELISSA KAHN

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Melissa Kahn is Heartland Alliance's volunteer manager. According to her, it's all about

building hope. Learn more about why she does what she does.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Power of Healing

Keynote Speaker: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Tuesday, May 14, 6-9 p.m.  
Palmer House  
17 E. Monroe, Chicago

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