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## COURAGE TO PURSUE EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Dear Friends —

Our long-time friends and colleagues like to recall stories of Heartland Alliance’s courage. Like our willingness to provide dental care to AIDS and HIV-infected patients in the 1980s when others in the medical establishment refused. How we opened one of the first treatment centers in the world to provide highly specialized healing services to survivors of torture. And how we chose to work in some of the most dangerous places on earth because we believe all people—especially those most disenfranchised—deserve access to healing and justice.

These stories remind us that our enduring hallmark is the courage to pursue equity and opportunity for all.

I am proud that Heartland Alliance continues to be a courageous champion of human rights, boldly stepping forward to tackle barriers to health and healing, economic opportunity, and safety and justice for those who are most marginalized.

Our commitment can be seen every day, whether we are shining a light on persistent inequities through our annual Poverty Report; creating pathways for a better future for men who are at the heart of Chicago’s gun violence epidemic through the READI Chicago program; forging relationships that enable healing from trauma for survivors of torture at our Marjorie Kovler Center; protecting immigrant rights; or helping to create safety and stability for individuals who have struggled to find housing.

I hope you find inspiration in the stories of Elector and Mike, Heartland participants who are benefiting from our commitment to Equity and Opportunity for All.



Evelyn Diaz, President

### HOUSING IS FUNDAMENTAL

In our pursuit of equity and opportunity for all, Heartland Housing provides affordable and permanent supportive housing across Chicago, Milwaukee, and Madison, creating pathways to safety and security for thousands of people. It’s also why many programs across Heartland Alliance continue to find innovative ways to help individuals find a home.

Because safe housing is a key driver of health outcomes, Heartland Alliance Health leases more than 350 apartments through programs like Pathways Home, housing participants who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness and are experiencing chronic illness or are struggling with their mental health.

Our Heartland Human Care Services’ programming serves individuals from every walk of life, developing transitional housing programs to help people get back on their feet. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program helps homeless vets get back on track. Our NEON Youth Program provides the same type of transitional housing, but for Chicago’s homeless youth.

And the list goes on. Refugees, survivors of human trafficking, those struggling with substance use disorders—these individuals all need housing to find success, and we’re proud to help them find it.

Read more about those we serve:  
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### Housing for the Heart and Soul

“This place, my place, gives me new hope every day.”

For the thousands of people we serve, from refugees to veterans to the formerly incarcerated and everyone in between, the path to success starts with a safe place to live. Housing is fundamental, and this year we helped build that foundation for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in both Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin.

Just ask Elector, a lifelong Madison resident and mother of five. Her new home at Tree Lane Apartments has given her family the opportunity to escape the chaotic and frantic nature of life on the streets. Their four-bed, two-bath apartment has given them peace of mind and so much more.

Tree Lane Apartments is building that confidence for forty five families—all of whom had previously experienced homelessness.

**“Without you guys, I wouldn’t have the confidence that I have now to raise my family in this big world.”**

— Elector, Tree Lane Apartments resident featured on cover

In March, we celebrated the opening of our St. Anthony Place apartments where we provide a safe home for sixty chronically-homeless individuals living in Milwaukee.

“It took almost a month for my new apartment to feel like home,” said Mike, who moved into St. Anthony Place as soon as the doors opened. “Looking back, I was homeless for almost a decade, and moving in was all so overwhelming.”

For those who have experienced homelessness for extended periods of time, the return to independence and stability can be a difficult transition.

The continual traumas of homelessness still have to be addressed, even after being housed. That is why residents

of Tree Lane and St. Anthony Place can access on-site supportive services to help them succeed.

Tree Lane Apartments and St. Anthony Place are Heartland Housing’s fourteenth and fifteenth developments. Our affordable and permanent supportive housing provides a foundation for thousands of people.

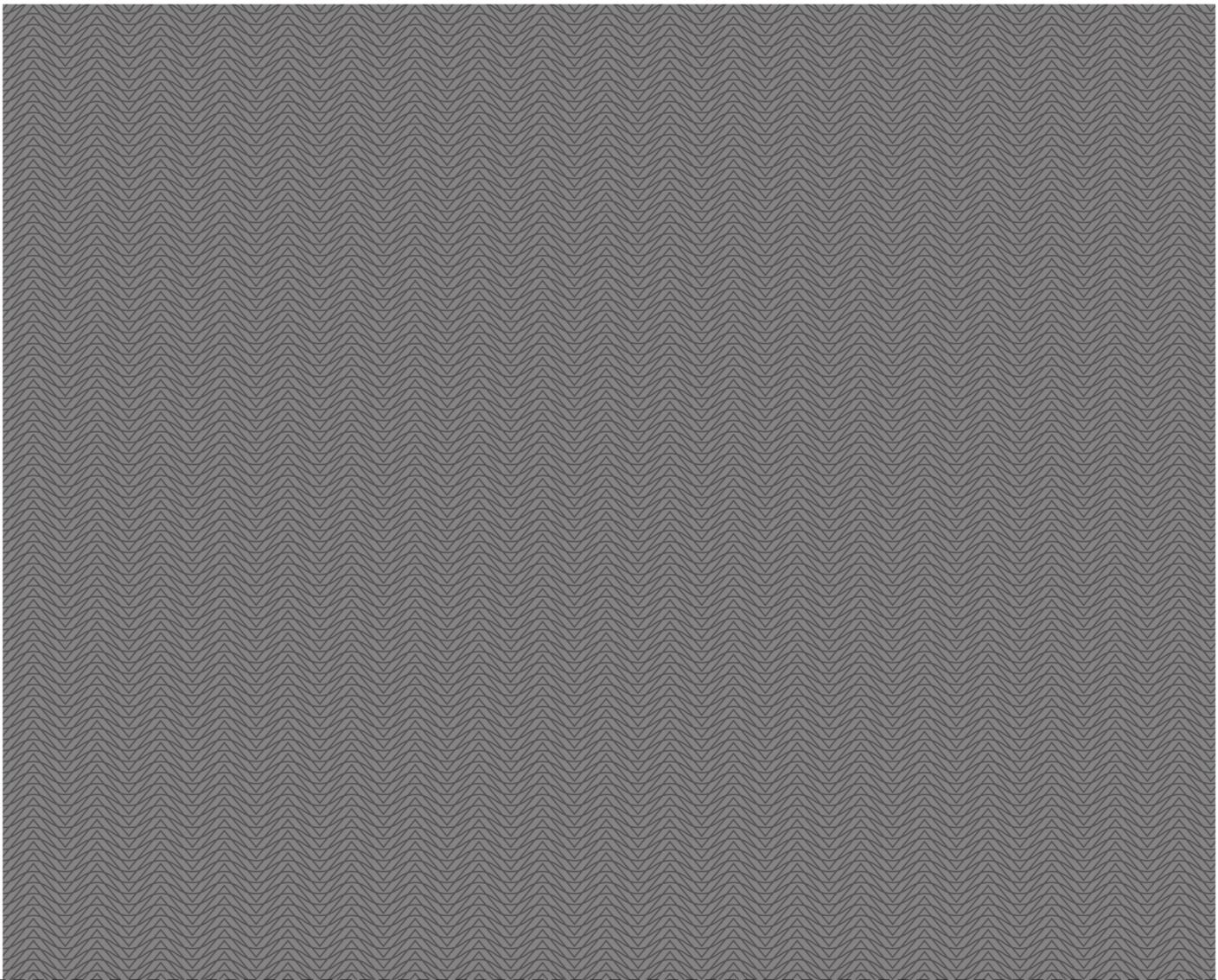
This year, residents are moving back into affordable housing at Lathrop Apartments, and we will also be breaking ground for our latest development, Warren Apartments —both in Chicago.

**“Even leaving homelessness is hard. It’s hard to explain how much you have to decompress when you finally get the chance to rest. I can’t describe it other than I felt a deep joy.”**

— Mike, St. Anthony Place resident featured above

We are excited to create more opportunity for people like Elector and Mike.

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