

Dear Friend of Haymarket,

With the support of our friends, Haymarket Center has been able to deliver 1,800 babies drug free and save thousands of lives. However, in the face of an exponential increase in heroin use and opiate-related deaths in the Chicago area, our state funds have been slashed, reducing our capacity to relieve hospitals, police and courts, and to help families and our communities. Haymarket needs your support now more than ever—and so do all the people who come to us to change their lives.

Once stigmatized as an urban street drug, heroin is now **readily available in our suburbs and our schools**. Heroin can be smoked, snorted or injected with a needle. It is also cheap and extremely potent. These factors further increase the risk of people dying from heroin addiction.

As the abuse of prescription drugs has increased in our area, it has created a new generation of users who experiment with heroin as a more affordable and accessible substitute drug. **Over the last decade, heroin use has more than doubled among young adults, and overdose deaths have tripled.**

Chicago is a Major Heroin Hub . . . While Suffering the Largest Decline in Funding

- **Chicago now leads the nation in heroin-related ER visits** with 24,627, more than **double** the number for New York City (*latest information from CDC*).
- **Overdose deaths** from prescription drugs (opioids) and heroin have **increased 338%** in Chicago from 2010-2015.
- **Suburban heroin deaths have increased from 48% - 212%** since 2008.
- **Illinois has the largest decline in funding for drug abuse treatment** in the country.

Haymarket funding has been **cut by 78%** since 2008.
22% in 2015-2016 alone.

Access to care is **more important than ever!**



A Haymarket Success Story

“Donisha” was a student at a prestigious engineering school in Chicago. Through a relationship with a man who was using drugs, Donisha became an addict. Homeless and pregnant—and her boyfriend had just died from a drug overdose—she entered Haymarket’s maternal addiction center. There, Donisha gave birth to a healthy baby girl. After a series of relapses, she returned to Haymarket for treatment and has since been able to maintain sobriety. Donisha is now working toward re-entering college to complete her degree. She is enrolled in a Haymarket support program which is helping her enjoy a new life, free from drugs and alcohol.



There is hope. Haymarket can help. With you, we can SAVE LIVES.

- **Haymarket Center treats the whole person:** treatment for substance use, mental health and primary care, while providing ongoing recovery support, leads to greater long-term success.
- **Proven Results:** those receiving treatment at Haymarket Center revealed (post-care survey):
 - **Reduced heroin use by 87%**
 - **Reduced cocaine use by 87%**
 - **Decreased crime involvement by 92%**
 - **Reunited with their families and greater parenting skills**
 - **Job training and placement support increased stability**

Haymarket is the largest drug treatment facility in Chicago, serving 16,000 men, women and their families 365 days a year. **WE NEED YOU to continue the life-saving work that we do. PLEASE make a donation today** and join us as we heal individuals, families and the communities in which we all live.

With gratitude,

Raymond F. Soucek, CEO

P.S. *The need continues to rise and the resources from traditional sources continue to decrease. **Your support helps Haymarket Center meet its mission** of providing access to critical care from Detox to Recovery—Treating the Whole Person.*

Give online TODAY!
www.hcenter.org



Yes! I want to help support the tradition of hope and service provided by Haymarket by making an investment:

Enclosed is my contribution to sponsor a critical program at Haymarket:

- \$2,000 to sponsor** — One pregnant mother and her two children for a week
- \$1,500 to sponsor** — One person’s detoxification from heroin for a week
- \$1,000 to sponsor** — Two children’s day care services for a week
- \$500 to sponsor** — One homeless woman’s recovery housing for a week
- \$250 to sponsor** — One father’s enrollment in fatherhood programing for a week
- \$100 to sponsor** — A newborn’s care for their first day of life drug free
- Your generous gift** in another amount \$ _____
- Contact me** about a monthly donation with the information I’ve provided below.

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- Sign me up** for Haymarket’s expert alerts, advice and opinions delivered directly to my inbox.
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