



Onward House Gala 2026

*Open doors.
Celebrate community.
Become a sponsor.*

Join us for an evening rooted in our neighborhood, featuring local vendors and strengthening wraparound services across Chicago's Northwest Side.

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Our Mission

Founded in 1893, Onward Neighborhood House's mission is to open doors to improve lives and uplift communities through education, economic empowerment, and human services.

Located in the vibrant and resilient Belmont Cragin Community Area, home to Chicago's largest Latino population, Onward House serves communities across the city's Northwest Side. As a trusted provider of social services for over a century, we have built a reputation for compassion, reliability, and deep community roots. We remain committed to establishing meaningful partnerships, creating equitable educational opportunities, and improving health and mental health access to support children, families, and new arrivals.



Programs

■ Early Learning

- Center- and home-based early childhood education for **over 130 children 0-5 years old** and nearly **60 school-age students**
- **1 in 4 children** receive inclusive special education services.

■ Adult Education

- Computer, ESL, and citizenship classes for over **600 students** every year.

■ Food Programs

- **13,687 individuals** served and **6,774 households** supported, with more than **165,000 lbs of food** distributed.
- Launched in fall 2025, ***A Bridge Home*** is an emergency response initiative providing home food deliveries to families facing barriers to accessing the Food Pantry in person.

■ Illinois Welcoming Center for immigrants and refugees

- **7,643 individuals** served, **4,705 referrals** provided, **1,017 crisis interventions** resolved, and **1,921 case management** cycles completed in the past year.
- **45+ community workshops** delivered on topics including *Know Your Rights*, mental health, tenants' rights, nutrition, and digital safety.

■ Health Services

- The co-located Community Health clinic provided primary care, lab services, behavioral health, prescriptions, and telehealth services to **441 patients** served across **1,127 visits**.

CARES Community Center

Opening in Fall 2026, the CARES Community Center will bring health and human services together under one roof in Belmont Cragin. The project will expand our Food Pantry, Illinois Welcoming Center, and integrated health services, including primary and pediatric care and mental health support.



Event Information

The Gala

Location

Regency Inn Banquets
5319 W Diversey Ave
Chicago, IL 60639

Date/Time

Thursday, May 28
6:00-7:00pm Cocktail Reception
7:00-8:00 Dinner and Program
8:00-11:00pm Celebration!

This year's Gala will be more intentionally rooted in the Belmont Cragin community than ever before. The evening will be dedicated to the mission, impact, and the people who make the work of Onward House possible, but also to uplifting and strengthening local businesses that are integral to the neighborhood.

The event will once again be held at Regency Inn Banquets, just one block from our current sites. Throughout the evening, we will highlight local vendors through the food, music, and program, celebrating the strength and resilience of Belmont Cragin and the deep trust Onward House has built since relocating there in 2008.



Contact Information

To make a sponsorship commitment, fill out the attached Sponsorship Form or contact Emilio Araujo.

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Sponsorship

2026 Gala Sponsorship Levels

\$40,000	4 Tables	Title Sponsor	This level would underwrite the full cost of the event. Premier recognition as the Title Sponsor with top-tier logo placement, speaking opportunity, and branding in all event materials.
\$20,000	3 Tables	Presenting Sponsor	Recognition as the Presenting Sponsor, prominent logo placement, and featured branding across event promotions.
\$10,000	2 Tables	Major Sponsor	Premium branding opportunities, logo and table placement, and acknowledgment in event communications.
\$5,000	2 Tables	Ambassador	Recognition in event signage and marketing materials.
\$2,500	1 Tables	Educator	Name and logo featured in both digital and print event banners and materials.
\$1,500	1/2 Tables	Friend	Name listing in event program and website.

Each table seats 10 guests for open bar, dinner, program, and entertainment. All Sponsorship Tables include table signage and listing in program book.



May 28, 2026

Regency Inn

Banquets

5319 W Diversey Ave.
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2026 Annual Onward House Gala

Sponsorship Commitment Form

Company Name _____
Contact Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number (____) _____ - _____ Email Address _____

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

See sponsorship packet for sponsorship level benefits.

Title Sponsor: \$40,000	Major Sponsor: \$10,000	Educator: \$2,500
Presenting Sponsor: \$20,000	Ambassador: \$5,000	Friend: \$1,500

_____ Yes, I would like to sponsor the 2026 Annual Onward House Gala at the _____ level for \$ _____.

Artwork formats: .png or .jpg. When ready, please email to earaujo@onwardhouse.org

All sponsorship levels include dinner tickets. Please write your guest names and emails below, or send them via email to earaujo@onwardhouse.org.

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PAYMENT

_____ I have enclosed a check made out to *Onward House*.

_____ Please charge my credit card. _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ American Express

Name on Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Total Enclosed or to Charge: \$ _____

Please send your commitments and logos electronically to earaujo@onwardhouse.org. For more information, please contact Emilio Araujo at (773) 622-3215 or via the email above.