



The Welcoming City



Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights
Community Briefing – October 18, 2023

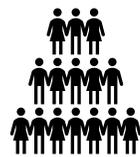
1. **Advocate** for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights
2. Provide **strategic leadership and operations guidance** for the asylum seeker response effort
3. Operationalize the **Welcoming City Ordinance** across city departments and agencies
4. Promote **long-term integration** of immigrants, migrants, and refugees into the life of Chicago through multi-sector partnerships and coalitions
5. Share **resources and accurate information** about immigration policy and immigrant integration



By the numbers



433 buses that have arrived since August 2022



Over **18,500** new arrivals since August 2022
• Chartered Buses • Flights • Independent Travel



30 shelters have been utilized within City network
25 in current operation - 1 every 8 days since May 15



11,307 current bed capacity
• 3,739 awaiting shelter in Police Stations and Airports
• 653 at O'Hare & 6 at MWD



190,000+ meals per week



By the numbers



New Arrivals Numbers: Chicago has received over **18,500** new arrivals since the mission began.

- **433** Buses has arrived in Chicago Since, August 31, 2022
- **332** Buses have arrived in Chicago since Jan 1, 2023
- **323** Buses have arrived in Chicago since May 12, 2023 (updated)
- **3** Buses arrived yesterday, October 17, 2023
- **2+** Buses expected today, October 18, 2023

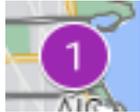
- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Russia
- El Salvador
- Afghanistan
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Ecuador
- Angola
- Peru
- Congo
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Ethiopia
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Dominican Republic
- Argentina
- Pakistan
- Costa Rica

- **25 shelters** are currently operating across the City.
- Upon arrival to shelter, a welcome orientation is conducted, and initial intake is completed.
- New Arrivals are provided with:
 - Cot + blanket + pillow
 - Three meals per day
 - Showers and towels
 - Hygiene kits: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo
 - Access to laundry room or service





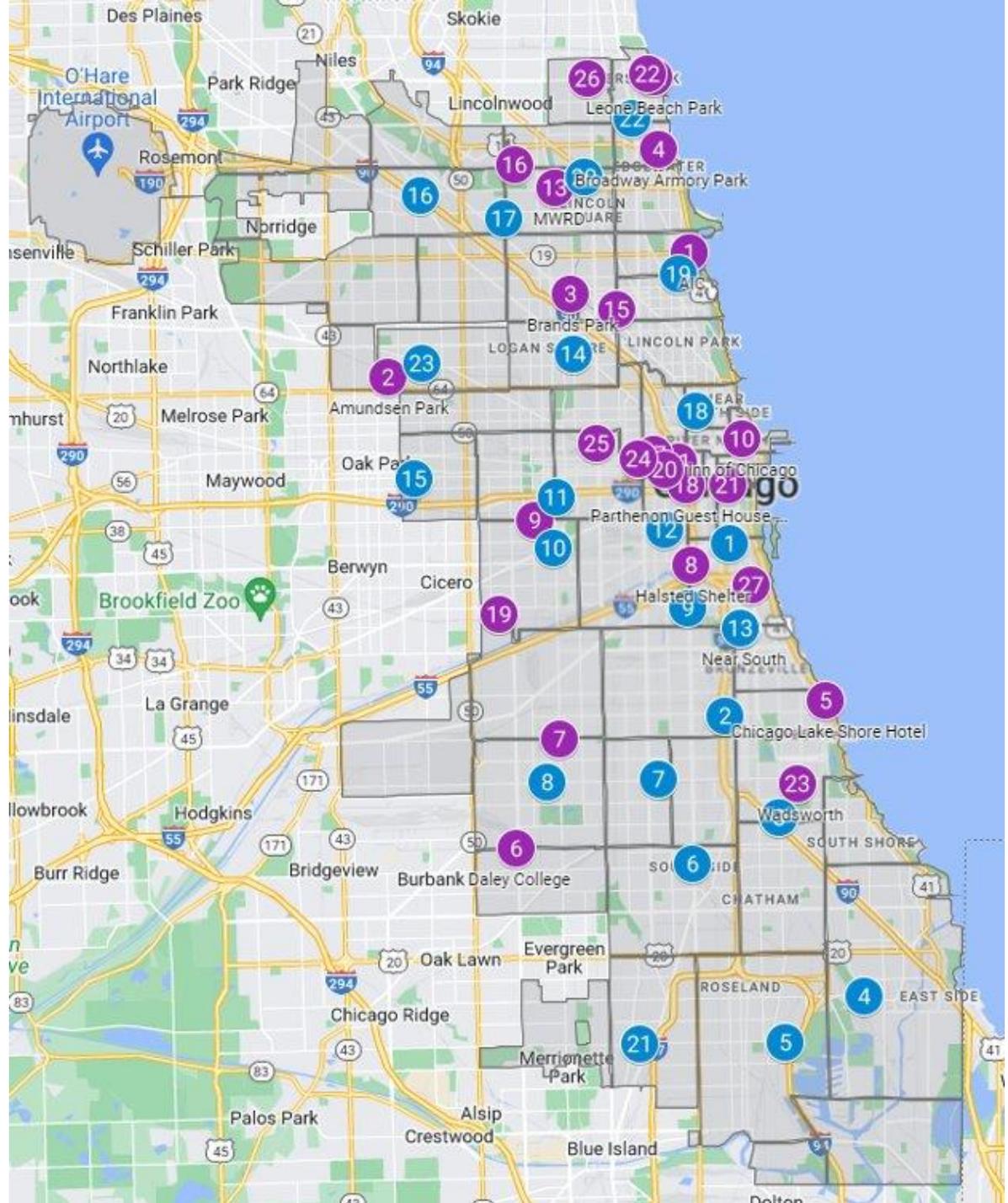
Map showing current New Arrival Shelters



Shelter Sites (25)



Police District Stations (22)



Shelter	Ward	Population	Shelter Type
American Islamic College	46th	Families	School
Brands Park	33rd	Families	Park District
Broadway Armory	48th	Families	Park District
Daley College	18th	Families	City College
Gage Park	15th	Single Males & Females	Park District
West Lake	27th	Single Males	Lease
Inn of Chicago	42nd	Families	Hotel
Lake Shore Hotel	5th	Families	Hotel
Leone Boathouse	49th	Families	Park District
MWRD	39th	Families	City Building
Near South	3rd	Single Males	City Building
New Life Community Church	32nd	Families	Church
Casa Esperanza	24th	Families (Pregnant)	Church

Shelter	Ward	Population	Shelter Type
North Park Village	39th	Families	City Building
Ogden	27th	Families	Office Building
O'Hare (Staging area)	41st	All	Airport
Parthenon	34th	Single Males	Lease
Piotrowski Park	22nd	Families	Park District
Social Club	4th	Single Males & Females	Hotel
Super 8 Hotel	49th	Families	Hotel
Wadsworth	20th	Single Males & Females	School
Walnut	27th	Families	Lease
YMCA High Ridge	50th	Single Males & Females	YMCA
YWLA	4th	Single Males	School
Halsted	25th	Families	Lease
Western	36th	Single Males	Lease

- Pre-fabricated, insulated structures.
- Heated to 72 degrees
- American Red Cross approved
- Provide a complete solution with optional services
- Will hire local staff and contract with local CBOs and businesses
- Will follow DFSS shelter operations guidelines
- Third Party Human Rights watchdog



1 Replace police stations with base camps and other brick and mortar facilities

- One or more locations
- Weatherized
- City-owned properties, parks, schools, libraries
- Motels, warehouses, office buildings and other brick and mortar spaces

2 Improve safety and shelter operations

- Comprehensive community safety strategy
- Integration of community partners and coordination with city council members

3 Apply cost saving strategies

- Replace contract staffing with CBOs
- RFP for shelter operations and meal service to employ Chicagoans

4 Accelerate resettlement

- Additional housing case management
- Partnerships with adjacent municipalities
- Advocate for "significant public benefit" designation by DHS for expedited work authorization
- Coordinate TPS resources across shelters

5 Manage number of people arriving

- Coordination at the border
- Communicating weather and resource limitations

Community Safety Committees



- Piloting with Ald. Burnett – 27th Ward
- Issues raised by community:
 - Loitering in large groups; concerns around street organizations
 - Impact on small businesses
- Community safety solutions:
 - Coordinating with the Site Captain, CPD, OEMC to keep the alder informed
 - Working with the CSCC to assess concerns around street organizations
 - BACP to encourage the use of TPS by small businesses
 - CPD to enforce dispersal orders around hot spots



Recruiting Volunteer Support



IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS			
Role	Description/focus	Name	Contact Info
Shelter residents* (1-2)	<i>Directly impacted individuals who can engage other shelter residents to co-create safety</i>		
Community representatives* (1-2)	<i>Directly impacted individuals who can engage with other community residents to co-create safety</i>		
Shelter employees* (1-2)	<i>Directly impacted individuals who can engage with other staff and shelter residents to co-create safety</i>		
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS / RESOURCES			
Role	Description/focus	Name	Contact Info
Mediator(s), de-escalators	<i>Individuals who will help prevent and mediate harm and violence</i>		
Mutual aid organizations/individ.	<i>Volunteer support for shelter operations and needs of shelter residents</i>		
Volunteer medical (for consultation)	<i>Work with CPDH, shelter employees, volunteers and shelter residents to address medical needs as necessary</i>		
Translation & accessibility	<i>Support language and accessibility needs of residents, employees, volunteers, and community</i>		
Liaison(s) between new arrival shelters and other shelters	<i>Mediate conflict between new arrivals and populations in other types of shelters (e.g., houseless residents)</i>		
Other (TBD)	<i>Other CBOs who are/could work with shelters to provide services and support safety</i>		

- MOCS partnering with Mayor’s Office for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights to draft and rollout a volunteer program that will increase capacity at shelters
- Issues raised by community:
 - Cleanliness
 - Informal economy
 - Tensions – unwanted or inappropriate interactions between New Arrivals and residents
- Best practices from shelters such as Brands Park show that strong mutual aid and volunteer support lessens tensions



- The City released an RFP for shelter operations - award announcement will be live in November.
- DFSS sought proposals from agencies who can operate shelters at specific City-owned, City-leased, or licensed facilities that are currently being operated as shelters.
- A meals RFP was released this week.
- The New Arrivals Meal Program seeks to provide high quality, culturally congruent, and nutritious meals for the City's New Arrivals shelter system. The New Arrivals Meal Program will serve New Arrivals residing in temporary City-coordinated shelters across a variety of settings citywide (e.g., Park District facilities, decommissioned schools, hotels), as well as New Arrivals at temporary respite sites (e.g. Police Stations).

Resettlement Branch:

- Resettlement services began 17 APR 2023.
- Catholic Charities is working with New Arrivals to assist in outmigration services.
- Outmigration numbers are increasing.
- Meeting with IDHS to possibly add additional agency

For the week of October 15:

- Move outs = 81 households (165 individuals)
- New leases signed = 122
- Moves scheduled = 125
- Outmigration = 122

	July	August	September	October * (10/15)	Total
Leases Signed	125	311	486	294	1216
Households Moved Out	216	204	377	167	964

Individuals moved out using ASERAP, across City shelters

The State of Illinois is focused on supporting Chicago's response. State support for SFY24 includes:

- Establishing and resettlement hubs in other municipalities directly supported and operated by the State using \$42.5M in support in municipalities assisting asylum seekers (SMASS)
- Increase Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP)
 - Currently the state has committed \$55M in funding over FY23 and FY24
- Additional Support for Chicago Public Schools
 - Increased STLS services for all students
 - Additional resources and flexibility in licensing of Bilingual educators
 - Expedite existing capital projects and new construction for replacement purposes
- Create sustainable funding stream for Chicago to cover costs from shelter to resettlement services.
 - State is currently contracting and funding Catholic Charities and New Life Centers to move asylum seekers residing in City shelters, this includes addition \$5M for resettlement expansion.

Federal Funding specific

- Additional flexible funding streams to address immediate need with increased buses and assure sustainability of resettlement efforts funded by State
- Flexibility in FEMA SSP Funding Guidelines
- Expand funding for infrastructure that benefits all Chicagoan
 - HUD choice vouchers
 - Chicago Department of Public Health
 - ISBE/CPS for additional teacher positions and the STLS program
 - Transportation

Policy specific

- State expedited work authorization with "Significant Public Benefit" designation by DHS
- Waive fees for work authorization requests
- Improve backlog on asylum applications and workforce authorization request

Additional Updates

Dashboard

New Arrivals Situational Awareness Dashboard

Since August 31, 2022, the City of Chicago has welcomed over 18,000 new arrivals from the southern border. The following dashboard reflects current and historical data regarding the City's new arrivals response. The New Arrivals Situational Awareness Dashboard provides a visual of the extent of this humanitarian endeavor.

The Data

The City of Chicago receives limited information about the timing and number bus and airplane arrivals, as well as passenger composition and verification of sponsors. However, since the early days of this operation, our Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) has recorded and reported the number of chartered buses that arrive to our "landing zone", people who arrive by airplane in our airports, and those who independently arrive to emergency staging areas in police stations.

An unprecedented increase and frequency of buses has accompanied the announcement of Chicago as the host of the Democratic National Convention. In response to this fluid and dynamic situation, the City of Chicago has stood up 25 temporary congregate shelters across the city at a current rate of 1 shelter every 6 days, and provide case management for new arrivals to embark on a path of resettlement and self-sufficiency. Due to the amount of time it takes to retrofit buildings into congregate shelters, the City has relied on police station districts and airports to serve as emergency staging areas while people await shelter placement.

To protect the safety of our new arrivals, the data visually illustrates shelter census aggregates only and does not disaggregate the census at individual police stations and airports. Given the shifting landscape, this dashboard will continue to evolve as we expand our data collection and management capacity.

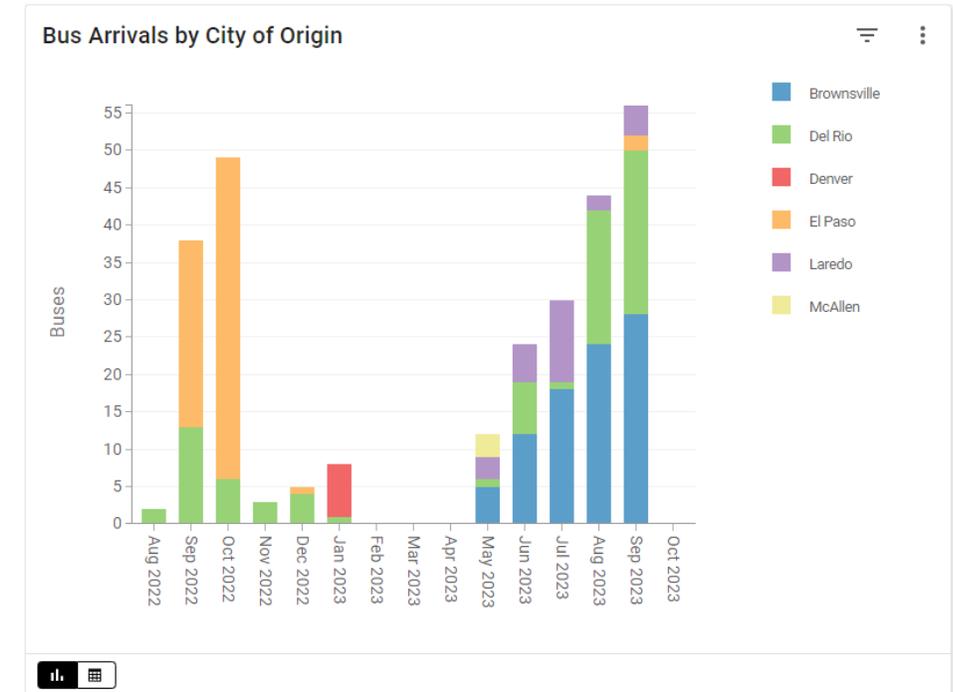
Please note -- we are working to improve accessibility for mobile devices.

New Arrivals Daily Snapshot	
Total Shelter Census	11,307
Total Awaiting Placement	3,739
Total Waiting in Police Station	3,080
Total Waiting at O'Hare	653
Total Waiting at Midway	6
Total New Arrivals Served	18,500
Total Buses Arrivals Since 8/31/2022	433

AS OF OCTOBER 18TH, 2023, AT 8AM

chicago.gov/support

Illustrates the number of buses arriving to Chicago based on origin city or town since August 2022.



Donations

As a welcoming city, we know Chicagoans are ready to show their generosity and are looking for ways to support. Below please find more information about how you can help Chicago's newest arrivals.

Opportunities to Support New Arrivals Ahead of Fall and Winter Seasons

You can now purchase urgently needed items directly from an Amazon Wish List set up by Instituto del Progreso Latino. You can find the Wish List by visiting [InstitutoChicago.org](https://www.institutochicago.org). You can also drop new items at New Life Centers, 4401 W Ogden Avenue.

For a complete list and how to donate visit [Chicago.gov/Support](https://www.chicago.gov/Support).



ONLY NEW ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.



MUTUAL AID

Mutual Aid is a form of public and political participation for neighborhoods, organizations and groups of all sizes. They provide an avenue for looking after and tending to each other's health and well-being to create more livable, sustainable environments. The process and goal of mutual aid is to create accessible and collective care by accepting and sharing mutual responsibility within one's community space. Mutual aid networks across the city have mobilized to fill the gaps at our police stations.

- **Community Care Collective 33**
 - Community Care Collective is made up of engaged community members, grassroots organizations, faith-based organizations, and elected officials working together to build a community based on mutual aid and collective care. They formed around supporting the needs of new arrivals staying at the 17th precinct. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **PSRT**
 - The Chicago Police Station Response Team is a network of volunteers meeting the needs of recently arrived asylum seekers sheltering in police stations. PSRT has organized to meet needs for food, bedding, and supplies as well as connecting new arrivals to medical services and showers. PSRT is in every police station across the city, with more than 150 volunteers. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **19th Ward Mutual Aid - Neighbors Helping Neighbors**
 - 19Aid supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. The 19th Ward Mutual Aid group began in May 2020 to address the needs of neighbors that were left behind in the pandemic. Volunteers reached out food sources to establish a food pantry at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. To learn more about their efforts and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Turpin Cares**
 - Turpin Cares supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. It was founded by Olive Rogers and Greg Owen-Boger, friends and neighbors in the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago. The name Turpin Cares comes from Turpin Communication, which originally funded the project. To learn more about their efforts, see [here](#).
- **OCAD**
 - Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) is a group of undocumented, unapologetic, and unafraid organizers building a resistance movement against deportations and the criminalization of immigrants and people of color in Chicago and surrounding areas. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Edna White Community Garden**
 - At Edna White Community Garden supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. They believe in nurturing both the plants and the people who tend to them. By pooling their resources and sharing their knowledge, they amplify their impact and provide a comprehensive network of support for those who have sought refuge among us. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Nuevos Vecinos Ayuda General Support - Open Collective**
 - To donate directly, see [here](#).

CHICAGO Meals and Water at Police Stations

Who is CHI-CARE: CHI-CARE is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer-based organization that cares for the unhoused across Chicagoland and surrounding areas. CHI-CARE was established in March 2020 with a mission to provide aid to those who are often overlooked and in dire need of assistance. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, CHI-CARE recognized the need to create opportunities for unsheltered individuals to access warm meals and clean water without having to venture out for assistance.

As of July 2023, CHI-CARE has partnered with The Great Chicago Food Depository to feed migrants living in all open police stations as well as up to seven shelters. Since its first route, CHI-CARE has provided over 150,000 meals to the unhoused in the Chicagoland area at encampments and other locations and over 300,000 meals to migrants in Chicago.

CHICAGO Meals and Water at Police Stations

How the migrant food program works: The Greater Chicago Food Depository has partnered with CHI-CARE to provide all warm meals since July 2023.

Dinner: The City provides an updated headcount for dinners daily and the locations CHI-CARE is responsible for feeding. CHI-CARE then contracts with local restaurants to provide sustainable, nutritious, culturally appropriate meals. CHI-CARE and OEMC pick up meals for distribution beginning at 4:30pm and dinner service ends by 8:30pm.

Lunch: Starting Wednesday, September 27, CHI-CARE is now providing a hot lunch to migrants living in police stations. CHI-CARE connects with each mutual aid group leader and gets a headcount for lunch the evening before service. Mutual aid groups have the option of opting out of lunch service through CHI-CARE should they have a Community Partner providing lunch that day. Lunch service begins at 10:30am and ends by 1:00pm.

As of Tuesday, October 3, CHI-CARE has provided 11,578 hot lunches and has distributed them to up to 20 police districts a day.

CHICAGO Meals and Water at Police Stations

- Greater Chicago Food Depository delivers water to all police district stations and shelters.
- Since the summer police stations have received up to 18 cases of water at stations and when reached out to by mutual aid GCFD mobilizes to fill the need.
- Last week 39,000 bottles of water were delivered to police stations. This week we are tracking to deliver 46,000 bottles.
- There is a growing need to shift strategy
- GCFD is working hard to keep up with the water demand, but inventory control at police districts has been very difficult. A common example of this is that a delivery of water is made with enough water for everyone to have at least 2 bottles of water per day, and within hours of delivery we are getting phone calls that the location is in urgent need of water and completely out.

- **Advocate to** members of the General Assembly and members of Congress to take action:
 - Find my legislator: <https://elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx>
- **Donate**
 - Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
 - Winter items (new preferred) dropped off at **4401 W. Ogden** (Mon-Friday, 8AM-5PM)
 - Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
 - To mutual aid groups helping at police districts
- **Shelter/Housing Leads**

Suggest potential shelters or rental units

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

