

STEPHEN FUND

Since its founding, the Chicago Christian Counseling Center has kept a commitment to never turn away a person because of an inability to pay for services. We continue this promise, but at the same time recognize the need to pay for the services in some manner.

Designated church offerings or other designated gifts will be placed in this fund. If direct fee support is available for a client through family or church, this fund will not be used.

You are encouraged to donate toward this cause so that disadvantaged children, families, and other individuals can experience healing.

With the development of this **STEPHEN FUND**, we continue our commitment to offer professional counseling from a Christian perspective to all who seek help.

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*Professional counseling and educational services to
economically disadvantaged children,
families and individuals.*

Your Gift Will Make A Difference...



*Promoting health and wholeness through
professional counseling,
consultation, and education
from a Christian perspective.*

THE NEED

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER'S **STEPHEN FUND** PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES to disadvantaged children, their parents and any others who cannot pay the full fee for services. Clients range in age from preschoolers to the elderly and represent all races and ethnic groups. We offer hope and help in lives that may seem hopeless and joyless.

The most common presenting problems:

- Child physical and/or sexual abuse victims
- Domestic violence victims
- Substance Abuse (drugs, alcohol)
- Depression, anxiety disorders
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Problems related to poverty
- Marital and/or Family problems

Our goal is that family members will learn new coping skills, become more self-sufficient and improve family relationships.

As they realize that change is happening, they develop increasing hope and realize they too can dream and grow.



GOALS

- Provide professional services in a manner consistent with our Christian faith
- Increase individual and family functioning
- Improve family relationships
- Increase dependability at work through lower absenteeism
- Increase awareness of the effects of violence on women and children and empower women to provide safety for themselves and their families
- Wherever possible, connect people with a healing community in the Christian church
- Support single parents in their efforts to be godly parents

WHOM WE SERVE

The Disadvantaged are all around us:

- The Unemployed
- The Uninsured
- The poorly insured
- Single parents
- Divorcing persons
- Those with chronic mental illness

Some are part of our churches, some feel they have no healing community at all.

TESTIMONIES

"...several years ago when I was a teen I came to the Chicago Christian Counseling Center for help and used their Stephen Fund for help...I believe it gave me a new start in life."

"The Stephen Fund helped me receive Christian counseling—I feel like I'm finally becoming healthy."

"I called knowing that I had no money and no insurance—I was told that I would be seen by a professional anyway for \$5.00...thank you so much!"