



The Night Ministry was begun in 1976 when a diverse coalition of North Side congregations hired Reverend Tom Behrens to reach out to people where they gather at night in response to isolation, despair, and homelessness among individuals on the streets. Tom's first office was the trunk of his car in Lakeview.

The Mission of this organization is, "The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty, and loneliness. We accept individuals as they are and work to address their immediate physical, emotional, and social needs while affirming their sense of humanity."

The Night Ministry brings medical care, HIV testing and referrals to the homeless and medically vulnerable in 7 neighborhoods across Chicago in two ways: via a 38 foot beautifully designed health outreach bus, or on foot. The bus carries a case worker, nurse, outreach workers and volunteers to provide free basic medical care to locations where services are needed most. On foot, they launched the Street Medicine Pilot Project to serve the hardest-to-reach homeless individuals in encampments across Chicago.

The Night Ministry also includes five Youth Housing Programs:

RAPPP is the Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program providing housing, parenting & independent living skills for young moms 14 through 21 and their children.

STEPS (Successful Transitions Effectively Preparing for Self-Sufficiency) is a transitional living program which offers up to two years of housing and intensive life skills coaching for 18 through 22 year olds. All residents must either have or be pursuing a high school diploma or a GED.

The Crib provides young adults ages 18 through 24 with safe and supportive overnight emergency shelter, as well as life and leadership development skills.

The Interim Housing Program offers youth (men, women and transgender) ages 14 through 21 and their children safe and nurturing short-term housing in an environment that fosters stability, responsibility, and independent living skills.

Phoenix Hall serves North Lawndale College Prep High School students experiencing homelessness and housing instability by providing safe, stable housing and support for the achievement of their educational goals.

The WCC Woman's Society Benevolence Committee has been supporting The Night Ministry for approximately 21 years.

For more information the link to The Night Ministry's website is:

<https://www.thenightministry.org>

