



2ND ANNUAL DAX GALA

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BENEFITTING HOMELESS DEPAUL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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DEPAUL USA DAX PROGRAM



Student Homelessness

Homelessness on college campuses is a widespread phenomenon. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that there are 58,000 college and university students facing homelessness across the country. A recent national survey of university and college students revealed that 36% of respondents were housing insecure, and 9% of four-year college and university students were homeless in the past year (Wisconsin HOPE Lab, 2018).

The issue of homelessness among DePaul University students was highlighted by the DePaul University Dean of Students Office at the Fall 2014 *Vincentian Family Gathering in Chicago*. DePaul University estimates that 50 students are homeless or housing insecure in a given academic quarter.

About the Dax Program

To address the issue of college homelessness in Chicago, Depaul USA established the Dax Program in 2014. This innovative program provides housing, case management, counseling referrals, transportation, food, textbook assistance, and educational reimbursements to homeless or housing insecure college students. The program's theory of change is that education is the gateway to future independence and personal fulfillment. The program is therefore designed to provide support to move students towards graduation.

The Dax House

Initially, the Dax Program matched DePaul students with host families (volunteers who open their homes to students). Gradually, the program evolved to include more housing options to fit specific students' needs. In October 2017, Depaul USA opened its first Dax House. The house provides six students and a house manager a place to call home. Students pay minimum rent of \$150 per month and are asked to work ten hours a week. Upon graduation, students remain in the Dax Program for an additional three months to ensure a smooth transition into the workforce and market rate housing. A second Dax House was purchased in February and four students will move in this spring.



"I wanted to thank Depaul USA, especially Abe and Sr. Judy, for everything you have done for me and the role you have played in my growth and becoming. Thank you for believing in me and giving me a chance. The Dax family will always be my favorite miracle story. The things you do without knowing us, the risks you make taking in college students will never go unnoticed and unappreciated. You are changing lives through love and faith in us and I am forever grateful that I was fortunate enough to be one of the lucky ones to be touched and changed by the Dax Program."

– Sharon, graduate of the Dax Program

2nd Annual Dax Gala: *Unlocking the Future*

General Admission Ticket - \$150

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Depaul USA's 2nd Annual Dax Gala: *Unlocking the Future*, is a fundraising event that helps us serve homeless DePaul University students through the Dax Program. The Dax Program provides housing, case management, counseling, transportation, food and book stipends, and educational reimbursements to homeless or housing insecure students. "Unlocking the Future" is a gala raising funds to help with the various costs associated with the program throughout the year.

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