

# CHICAGO SHARES

*SHARE COMPASSION. SHARE COMFORT. SHARE VOUCHERS.*

**Chicago Shares began in January of 1993 as a convenient, safe and constructive means to provide meals for hungry people.**

## Why Chicago Shares is a Unique Solution

Everyday, people across Chicago reach out their hands for help, but too many times they are refused because people are unsure of how to give. Chicago Shares' voucher program is a one of a kind answer to this problem, offering community members the opportunity to safely give to those in need.

In 2008, over 23,000 Chicago Shares vouchers were redeemed for food by those in need.

## Facts & Figures About Our Voucher Program

- Over the course of the program, Chicago Shares has donated over \$47,000 (in grants and vouchers) from unredeemed vouchers to hunger relief and religious organizations.
- In 2008, 76% of sold vouchers were redeemed.
- Between 2003 and September of 2009, over 154,887 vouchers were redeemed.
- Chicago Shares has no overhead costs aside from the printing of vouchers.

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