

Jennifer (Jen) Parks, Executive Director

Jen brings over 25 years' experience in the Habitat network to Habitat for Humanity Chicago (Habitat Chicago). Joining the team in 2011, Jen leads a dynamic and dedicated team that champions healthy neighborhoods by investing in resident priorities, building quality homes, and supporting homeownership. Under her leadership, efforts were realigned to focus on the long-term impacts for improving the



neighborhood housing market, connecting the community, improving physical conditions, and elevating the neighborhood appeal. Existing programs -- Affordable Homeownership, Construction, and Volunteers -- have grown; new programs have been established -- Homebuyer University, Neighborhood Grants Initiative. It operates two ReStores, a social enterprise selling new and gently used furniture, home goods, and building supplies to the public at affordable prices. Habitat Chicago continues to evolve and has a bold plan to invest \$42M in three focus neighborhoods over the next five years. With a team of 60+ and a \$11.1M budget, Jen is committed to growing Habitat Chicago by increasing neighborhood investments and creating long-term positive impact with our Chicago neighbors. Jen graduated from Marquette University and obtained a Master of Arts in Organization Leadership from Immaculata University.