



## Fact Sheet — 2012-2013 Grantees

### **What Is a Sheltering Arms Foundation Grantee?**

In fiscal year 2012-2013, 40 nonprofit organizations across the state of Minnesota will use a total of \$454,000 in grant money awarded by the Sheltering Arms Foundation (SAF) for programs benefiting children and their families in Minnesota who are most vulnerable, have least access to resources, and are least likely to have a wide array of choices about their future. For more, visit <http://sheltering-arms.org/>.

### **Counties Served by Sheltering Arms Grantees in 2012-2013**

Blue Earth	Dakota	Nicollet	Rice
Carlton County	Hennepin	Olmsted	St. Louis
Crow Wing	Le Sueur	Ramsey	Washington

### **Towns Served by or Headquartering Sheltering Arms Grantees**

Brainerd	Moose Lake	St. Paul
Duluth	Northfield	White Bear Lake
Mankato	Proctor	
Minneapolis	Rochester	

### **Ethnic Populations Served by 2012-2013 Programs**

African American	Latino	Oromo	Sudanese
Hmong	Native American	Somali	

## **The grantees and the programs supported by SAF**

### **Amaze (<http://www.amazeworks.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves statewide. Grant supports creation of a Native American-centered version of Amaze’s early childhood curriculum, “Families All Matter,” as requested by Minnesota Tribal Resources in Early Childhood Care. The curriculum uses children’s books and guided discussions to address a broad range of diversity themes and will include issues of bullying caused by bias and other issues that have become serious in Native communities. Amaze will train early childhood staff from each of Minnesota’s Native communities to implement the curriculum.

### **American Indian Community Housing Organization (<http://aicho.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Duluth. Grant supports creation of an after-school program for previously homeless Native American children ages 5-12 at AICHO’s new multi-family housing facility, Gimaaji Mino Bimaadiziyaan. Located in the old site of the Duluth YWCA, the development will provide housing for 29 families and will serve more than 60 children living on-site when the facility is fully occupied.

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**ArtStart (<http://www.artstart.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in St. Paul, serves the Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports expansion of ArtStart's after-school arts programming for underserved youth ages 5-12 to five new sites in low-income neighborhoods. ArtStart operates the mobile arts lab ScrapMobile Portable Artful Reuse, and expansion plans include bringing art workshop programs to public housing sites in the Lyndale and Seward neighborhoods, New Visions charter school, Grace Community center in northeast, and a site (t.b.d.) in north Minneapolis.

**Baby's Space: A Place to Grow (<http://www.babyspace.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in Minneapolis. Grant supports opening a 15-student pre-kindergarten classroom at Tatanka Academy for Somali, Native and other students from the low-income Como neighborhood. The expansion is part of an effort to create a consistent Pre-K to grade three environment at Tatanka Academy to help incorporate gains the children have made in their early years. Baby Space has had very good success with this model. In 2010, 100% of its kindergarteners, most of whom started at Baby Space as infants or toddlers, met or exceeded the Minneapolis Public Schools post-kindergarten assessment.

**The Banyan Community (<http://www.banyancommunity.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Grant supports Banyan's successful after-school and summer programs that serve 60 low-income elementary-aged children from the surrounding blocks in East Phillips. The programs' goals are to help the elementary-aged and older children succeed in school (with the long-range goal that they attend college) and to keep them clear of negative influences. Volunteers are a cornerstone for programming, and both staff and volunteers are trained in the principles of the SEARCH Institute as a way of ensuring good youth development practices.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities (<http://www.bigstwincities.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in St. Paul, serves the Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports creation of a mentoring program for Oromo youth ages 9-12 in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul, as requested by the American Oromo Community of Minnesota. Mentors will be recruited mainly from Oromo college students at local colleges and universities, and all mentors will receive nationally approved BBBS training.

**Boys & Girls Club of Rochester (<http://www.bgclubroch.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in Rochester. Grant supports expansion of their site in northwest Rochester to target programming to the nearly 300 homeless children served at this location. Programming will include assistance with homework assignments as well as health and life skills.

**Bright Water Montessori School (<http://www.brightwatermontessori.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in north Minneapolis. Grant supports addition of training in diversity, cultural competency, movement therapies, anti-bias and bullying. The program will reach 40-60 children over two sessions. Bright Water is a high quality pre-school and charter school serving several low-income communities in north Minneapolis. It is one of the few remaining accredited childcare centers on the north side.

**Center City Housing Corporation (<http://www.centercityhousing.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Duluth. Grant supports adding hours of early childhood programming to CCHC's infant-toddler program, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm, a time of day when the older siblings of those children would be in CCHC's after-school program, which will enable mothers to participate in parent education and other activities. CCHC provides supportive housing to homeless families with children, providing 400 units at several locations in Duluth.

**Centro Guadalupano (<http://www.guadcenter.org/home>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Grant supports adding nutrition education and expanding physical activities to its current after-school programming, which serves Latino children ages 5 to 15 from low-income families and offers enrichment through cultural dance, music lessons and arts.

**East Metro Women’s Council (<http://www.emwc.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in White Bear Lake, serves Ramsey and Washington counties. Grant supports providing EMWC’s Parenting Through Change program to the parents and children at its East Metro Place location. The program is an evidence-based, trauma-informed parenting curriculum that teaches parents how to support their children through significant life events such as death, divorce, homelessness and other trauma.

**Emerge Community Development (<http://www.emerge-mn.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in Minneapolis. Grant supports EMERGE Link, a program to enhance the social and academic skills of over 100 mostly African American pre-K-12th grade youth who have experienced homelessness. Grant will help fund a staff position for developing partnerships that result in services for the children and seed funds to create a new sub-contracting relationship with EDIT (Equity Diversity Inclusion Together) to implement its high-quality service-learning-based Genero CITY summer program.

**The Family Partnership (<http://thefamilypartnership.org/>)—\$17,000 grant**

Located in Minneapolis. Grant supports convening a team of partners including Hennepin County staff, employment counselors, childcare providers, and parents to make the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) system work better for families and children. Currently, very low income families have access to these funds for their children if they are looking for work, going to school or developing a life plan. If for some reason the parent is unable to make steady progress in one of these areas, their child loses funding to the early childhood education that is helping them to prepare for school.

**FamilyMeans (<https://www.familymeans.org/>)—\$12,000 grant**

Based in Stillwater, serves the Twin Cities metro area, southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Grant supports adding science and music activities to youth programming at Landfall manufactured home community. Funds will support a science educator and a music educator to prepare a year-long set of science inquiry and musical concepts projects for 50 5-12 year olds between the two programs.

**Grant Community School Collab. (<http://grantcommunityschoolcollaborative.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Duluth’s inner-city East Hillside neighborhood. Grant supports expansion of the highly successful COMPASS program to serve 60 additional children who, due to the redrawing of school boundaries, have been moved from Nettleton to Congdon Park Elementary.

**Hmong American Partnership (<http://www.hmong.org/>)—\$18,000 grant**

Based in St. Paul, serves the Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports creation of a dual-language Hmong Montessori pre-school, the result of requests by parents who had examined several approaches to preparing their children for school. With the assistance of the Montessori Training Center and its program “Montessori for All,” HAP will open a pre-school for 30 children ages 3-5 in spring 2013.

**Hope Community, Inc. (<http://www.hope-community.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Grant supports the Learning In Community literacy program for children ages 6-9 and their families in Hope Community, an innovative affordable housing development. LIC’s approach is to develop reading skills through community, family and peer-based relationships, and to support children and parents in creating and participating in home- and community-based learning environments.

**Kinship Partners, Inc. (<http://www.kinshippartners.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Brainerd, serving Crow Wing County, southern Cass County, and Staples/Motley. Grant supports expansion of Kinship’s rural outreach to provide mentors to at-risk children ages 5-12 in Pine River-Backus, one of the most geographically isolated regions of its service area.

**Kwanzaa Community Church (<http://www.kwanzaachurch.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in north Minneapolis. Grant supports adding students and adding a parenting and trauma support program to its Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, which serves highly vulnerable youth in the neighborhood. The program offers both breakfast and lunch (lunch for the whole family, with many takers). Each year, there is a new community focus, with activities planned around that focus. New programming this year will be a film project allowing youth a chance to document their stories.

**Mayflower Early Childhood Center (<http://www.mayflowerchildren.org/>)—\$5,000 grant**

Located in south Minneapolis. Grant supports Mayflower's part-time community outreach worker in cultivating relationships with the families that are low-income. This Montessori-based center serves children ages 3-5 of the Creekside Commons affordable housing complex's low-income working parents as well as children from the surrounding community.

**Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (<http://www.mpmn.org/Home.aspx>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves statewide. Grant funds statewide advocacy work to support youth mentoring programs. Includes hosting a Youth Day on the Hill with the Youth Policy Alliance; mapping mentoring programs by legislative districts to provide information to programs and legislators; creating marketing materials about quality mentoring, trainings and webinars to share tips and best practices on advocacy and policy; helping organizations build relationships with policy leaders and engage stakeholders in advocacy.

**Minnesota Chorale (<http://www.mnchorale.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in Minneapolis. Grant supports development of a feeder choir by splitting the current youth chorus into two choirs: grades 3-5 and 6-8. The program would double the participation of youth involved and allow for more attention to the needs of the youngest singers, whose challenges musical and otherwise are specific to their age group. MYC provides a unique opportunity for low-income children (over 65% of the chorus members are eligible for free or reduced lunch and 4% are homeless) to experience a very high quality youth development experience based on their talent.

**Neighborhood House (<http://www.neighb.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in St. Paul. Grant supports expansion of the Skills for Schools program, a part of its early childhood program that also includes Family Literacy, Together Time and home visits. Plans include adding a day to the current two days per week and adding 20 more children to the 100 already being served. Skills for Schools promotes school readiness by developing social, emotional, language and literacy skills, particularly English language acquisition.

**Northfield Healthy Community Initiative (<http://northfieldhci.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Northfield. Grant supports HCI's Community Plan for Children & Youth, an advocacy initiative designed to raise the profile of children's issues. The plan includes developing a Children's Impact Assessment Tool for reviewing important community decisions and the impact they will have on Northfield's young people, hosting candidate forums prior to the 2012 elections about issues affecting children and youth, and creating a children's advocates database of community members.

**Northland Foundation (<http://www.northlandfdn.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Based in Duluth, serves northeastern Minnesota. Grant supports launching the Reading Pals Pilot Project within Northland's innovative intergenerational Age To Age initiative. Older adults from the Age To Age programs in McGregor, Moose Lake, and Proctor will work with children ages 3 to third grade to develop literacy skills. All of these communities have a very high proportion of low-income youth.

**Resource, Inc. (<http://www.resource-mn.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves statewide. Grant supports the initiative Building Resilient Families that will work with 50 children aged 0-5 whose parents are seeking treatment for chemical dependence. Funding will support use of the HighReach learning curriculum with the children and their families, building

parenting skills and family cohesiveness and helping kids deal with trauma and master skills needed to be ready for school.

**Southside Family Nurturing Center (<http://www.ssfnc.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Grant supports establishing a pilot position of part-time Therapeutic Early Childhood Consultant to supervise all direct service staff, to provide leadership in curriculum implementation, assessment and classroom strategies and to provide direct clinical play services to 4-6 children annually. The center serves families in south Minneapolis suffering the effects of child abuse and neglect by involving children and parents in the family healing process.

**St. David's Center for Child & Family Development (<http://www.stdavids.net/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Based in Minnetonka, serves the Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports St. David's innovative way to stretch badly needed resources to provide access to mental health professionals for young children: St. David's is piloting a mobile team taking professional expertise in psychology, early childhood mental health, and pediatric therapy into the community to assess the needs of children ages 2-5 years at or below 200% poverty who are at risk of educational failure. St. David's staff will provide on-going support with home-visits and case management programs.

**St. Paul Area Council of Churches (<http://www.spacc.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in St. Paul. Grant supports adding an after-care component to SPACC's Freedom School, a summer program serving low-income African American children in St. Paul. After-care will provide journaling on a theme, a writer's workshop Imami Circle to share what the children have learned during the day, and a partnership with the Science Museum doing hands-on science projects, some based on inventions by black Americans. SPACC has won the partnership of the St. Paul Public Schools, which uses this program as an alternative learning summer school.

**Think Small (<http://www.thinksmall.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in St. Paul, serves statewide. Think Small is the new name for the merged organizations Resources for Child Caring and Ready4K, two leaders in the Minnesota early childhood community. Grant supports planning and implementation of the merger, adding three of Ready-4-K's staff to RCC's staff, developing a facilitated strategic plan for the new organization, and developing a communications plan. This new organization represents one of the most significant forces to move along a strong early childhood agenda in the state.

**Urban Strategies (<http://www.urbanstrategiesinc.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in St. Louis, MO, serving the Heritage Park affordable housing in near north Minneapolis. Grant supports continuation of an 8-week, multi-disciplinary, environmental programming summer program for more than 75 children ages 5-12 living in the Heritage Park neighborhood, which is home to 700 mostly Somali and African American youth under age 19.

**Washburn Center for Children (<http://www.washburn.org/>)—\$12,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves Twin Cities metro area. Grant helps expand the Day Treatment program by creating a pre-care and after-care component. Day Treatment provides intensive early intervention for children ages 3-10 whose social, emotional and behavioral problems severely impact their ability to participate in school by providing them with a therapeutic classroom. Nearly all of the children are from low-income families in Hennepin County.

**Way to Grow (<http://mplswtg.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports expanding the pilot program Great By 8, which helps children continue the gains in literacy made in pre-school through 1st grade. Great By 8 was launched in 2010 in response to growing research that confirms that academic achievement by third

grade often predicts a child's future social, academic, and economic success. This program is a partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools.

**West 7<sup>th</sup> Community Center, Inc. (<http://www.west7th.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in St. Paul's West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood, serving West 7th and surrounding neighborhoods. Grant supports creating a morning program for the center's 8-week summer Children and Youth program, which operates noon-6 pm. The summer program serves over 50 children ages 12 and under, 89% of whom are low-income. With recent school closures and relocations, most of the children are no longer attending the summer school programs that filled their mornings and many have no other options.

**Wilder Foundation (<http://www.wilder.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Located in St. Paul. Two years ago, Wilder won federal funding to coordinate planning of St. Paul's Promise Neighborhood initiative, based on the Harlem Children's Zone. The Promise Neighborhood is a comprehensive effort to address educational & social disparities among youth in a 250-block area of Frogtown & Summit-University neighborhoods. Grant supports launching a new Early Childhood Education (ECE) Network in the Promise Neighborhood to support children birth to 3rd grade with early literacy and reading supports.

**YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities (<http://www.ymcatwincities.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports establishing a parent support/advisory group for grades K-5 at the Anne Sullivan Elementary School Beacons program. The school serves the large East African community in the Seward Towers as well as American Indian students from Anishinaabe Academy, which relocated to Sullivan several years ago.

**YouthCARE (<http://www.youthcaremn.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves Twin Cities metro area. Grant supports expanding Styling Science, a STEM program for girls, into the Little Earth of United Tribes community in south Minneapolis. This program provides twice-weekly STEM learning opportunities for 80-90 economically disadvantaged girls ages 6-12. Conducted in partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota to provide workshops and activities in the fields of science, technology engineering and math (STEM).

**Youthprise (<http://www.youthprise.org/>)—\$10,000 grant**

Based in Minneapolis, serves statewide. Grant supports policy advocacy work in 2012-13 to identify policy priorities and develop policy proposals to advance learning beyond the classroom. Youthprise will partner with the Minnesota Alliance with Youth to recruit and support a statewide Youth Council, which will receive advocacy training and will act in an advisory capacity to the legislature, Minnesota Department of Education, and organizations in the field to help determine policy issues.

**YWCA of Mankato (<http://www.mankatoywca.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Mankato. Grant supports Ready To Learn, a pilot program to prepare new immigrant children to be ready to learn when they enter school. Serving Latino, Sudanese and Somali refugees, the program provides a culturally specific outreach worker and trained volunteers who conduct weekly home visits to help parents prepare their preschool children for kindergarten.

**YWCA of Minneapolis (<https://www.ywcampls.org/>)—\$15,000 grant**

Located in Minneapolis. Grant supports contracting with Child Care WORKS! for an onsite community organizer. This person will work 8-12 hours per week to support grassroots advocacy work by YWCA Children's Center families, teachers, and children and to train individuals from underrepresented groups in public advocacy skills. Activities include voter education in the 2012 elections, activities around Early Childhood Awareness Month held in January, training at least 20 diverse political advocates drawn from parents and teachers willing to share their story, coalition work, and legislative session work.