The Sheltering Arms Foundation

2016-2017 Annual Report

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Our Mission

The Sheltering Arms Foundation invests in the lives of Minnesota's children to help them reach their full potential. We fund non-profit organizations and support policies that benefit children and their families who have the least access to resources.

Our History

Sheltering Arms, founded in 1882 by Deaconess Annette Relf, is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of women members of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota. In response to the changing needs of children, Sheltering Arms successively operated an orphanage, a hospital for children with polio and a day school for special needs children. In 1983, Sheltering Arms was reincorporated as The Sheltering Arms Foundation. Consistent with the beliefs of the founders, the Foundation continues to be committed to the well being of children.

The Sheltering Arms Foundation

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Leadership Letter

Dear Friends,

2016-2017 was a strategic planning year for Sheltering Arms and we are excited about the results of many hours of intense discussion both internally and with grantees and external partners. A huge thanks to all who participated and to our skilled facilitators, Karen Gray and Nora Hall. The key goals for the next five years are to:

- Advance equitable solutions to close the opportunity gap.
- Explore opportunities to expand the Foundation's assets.
- Optimize board development and strengths.

We look forward to being a part of changing the outlook for Minnesota's children and fighting for equity with the help of our strategic plan.

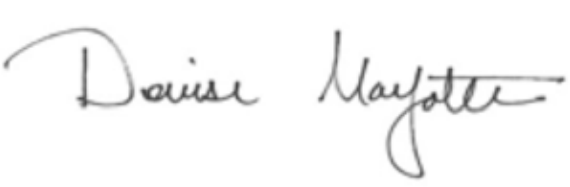
This past year, our efforts included:

- $495,000 in grants to 42 non-profit organizations, five grants to support work on behalf of children and families at Episcopal congregations and three grants to support our collective impact partners.
- Our fourth Sheltering Arms Sunday, celebrated in numerous Episcopal communities around the state.
- Our annual Grantee Convening to share stories of success.
- The Children and Youth Issues Briefing in partnership with the Start Early Funders Coalition, the MN Council of Non-Profits and the MN Council on Foundations that attracted almost 1,000 participants.
- Work on behalf of children through the Start Early Funders Coalition, Minnesota Youth Funders Network, Ignite Afterschool, Mayor Hodges Cradle to K Cabinet and more.

It was an exciting year for our advocacy work as well. The MinneMinds coalition was part of the successful advocacy effort in the 2017 legislature that secured over $100 million in funding for young low-income children, including 420 million for early childhood scholarships, $50 million for school readiness programs, $19 million to Child Care Assistance and $12 million for home visiting.

We thank you for your continuing involvement with the Sheltering Arms Foundation on behalf of our children and our future.

Denise Mayotte
Executive Director



Tina Pfau Gonzales
Board President, 2016-2017

Early Childhood

Center City Housing Corporation (CCHC) is an affordable housing developer based in Duluth that has expanded statewide. Gage East Apartments in Rochester opened last year and its 30 units are filled to capacity with previously homeless families, including 30 children 5 and under. To serve those children, CCHC has recreated the Tots of Tomorrow (TOTS) that has been so successful at Steve O'Neil Apartments in Duluth for the residents of East Gage. TOTS is a drop-in respite program designed to support each individual child's development. The programming uses a mental health lens addressing the effects of trauma and homelessness on the children. In addition, the program provides supports to parents.

TOTS consists of structured group time and home visits to all of the families. Each child has a growth plan for staff to evaluate children during home visits and in the onsite program. A key goal of the program is to build social and emotional competence and strengthen attachment for both parents and children. This two-generation approach will make a big difference in helping Gage East families to transition out of homelessness.

"Support from the Sheltering Arms Foundation at the start-up phase of Gage East has had a huge impact on the lives of young children living at Gage East. Having the program open and available to them as they exited homelessness provided immediate support and stability.."

~ Nancy Cashman, Supportive Housing Director, Center City Housing Corporation

Early Childhood

A Minnesota Without Poverty
Poverty Impact Evaluation
Statewide • $10,000

Amaze
Spanish Translation Project
Statewide • $10,000

Center City Housing Corp.
Gage East TOTS Program
Rochester • $15,000

Centro Tyrone Guzman
Siembra Montessori Family Wellness
Minneapolis • $10,000

Child Care Aware of Minnesota
Parent Aware
Statewide • $15,000

Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota
Voices and Choices for Children
Statewide • $12,500

CHUM
Early Childhood Program at Steve O'Neil Apartments
Duluth • $15,000

Domestic Abuse Project
Therapeutic CPP Services
Metro Area • $14,500

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
Healthy Families Initiative
Metro Area • $10,000

Headway Emotional Health Services
Native American Families Home Visiting Expansion
Minneapolis • $10,000

Hmong American Partnership
Hmoob Toj Siaab Montessori Preschool
St. Paul • $10,000

LDA Minnesota
Kindergarten Readiness
West Metro • $7,000

Lifetrack
Targeted Home Visiting Coalition
Statewide • $15,000

Northland Foundation
Parent Aware Training Project
Duluth • $15,000

Serve Minnesota
Family Child Care Reading Corp
Minneapolis • $10,000

St. David's Center for Child & Family Development
Early Childhood Mental Health
Metro Area • $10,000

St. Stephen's Human Services, Inc.
Incredible Years Family Program
Minneapolis • $10,000

Think Small
Early Childhood Voices of Parents Advocacy Program
Greater Minnesota • $10,000

Urban Arts Academy
Early Childhood Music Program
Minneapolis • $10,000

Washburn Center for Children
Child-Parent Psychotherapy
Minneapolis • $10,000

Youth Development

CLUES is the largest Latino organization in Minnesota and serves families in locations in both the east and west metro areas. It runs Creando Juntos, a Latino culture based youth program that was developed to build capacity for youth while their parents participate in language classes utilizing a two-generation approach. The program operates in 14-week sessions and many of the families continue through multiple sessions. Creando Juntos operates at both the Minneapolis and St. Paul locations. The program's staff person supervises a strong group of volunteer mentors that deliver the program's curriculum to up to 15 children per session in each location. All volunteers must be Spanish speaking and many come from area university programs. The program is part of Sprockets in St. Paul and the Phillips Literacy coalition in Minneapolis which helps to bring in community resources.

Sheltering Arms supported the addition of a weekly parent advocacy component within the Creando Juntos program, an addition that families had been requesting. It incorporates parent and child together time, culturally relevant bilingual parenting workshops and a parent-led peer support network.

"As a direct result of the funding received from the Sheltering Arms Foundation, the Creando Juntos program at CLUES has been able to increase our impact on Latino families throughout the Twin Cities Metro. Through this program parents and their children attend workshops and activities developed under the Two-Generation Model of program design with a focus on moving the whole family forward on the pathway to success together. When observing the families who are successfully completing this program we are seeing children who are more engaged, both socially and academically, and parents who are empowered to support their children's developmental and academic success. We couldn't be more thrilled with the results!"

~ Fidelity Goodlaxson, Associate Director of Educational Enrichment

Way to Grow
Great by 8 Program
Minneapolis • $12,500

YWCA of Mankato
Ready to Learn
Mankato • $15,000

YWCA of Minneapolis
Public Policy Program
Metro Area • $10,000

Youth Development

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
Arts Buddies
Metro Area • $10,000

Boys & Girls Club of Rochester
SEL Programming
Rochester • $7,500

Camp Fire Minnesota
Raspberry Ridge Club Expansion
Metro Area • $10,000

Centro Guadalupano
Andale! Readers
Minneapolis • $10,000

CLUES
Creando Juntos Program
Metro Area • $10,000

ComMUSICation
Youth Choral Program
St. Paul • $10,000

Emerge Community Development
Mentoring Youth through the Arts
Minneapolis • $10,000

Emma Norton Services
Learning through Play
St. Paul • $10,000

Hibbing Kinship
Mentoring Program
Greater Minnesota • $10,000

Honor the Earth
Seventh Generation
White Earth Reservation • $7,500

Hope Community, Inc.
Learning in Community
Minneapolis • $10,000

Kinship Partners, Inc.
Reading Buddies
Greater Minnesota • $10,000

Neighborhood House
Canine Inspired Change
St. Paul • $14,500

Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corp.
Commons on Penn OST Program
Minneapolis • $10,000

Project Friendship
Cultural Liaison
Northfield • $5,000

Simpson Housing Services, Inc.
K-5 Literacy Mentoring Program
Minneapolis • $15,000

Twin Cities Housing Development Corp.
STEM Initiative
St. Paul • $4,000

Urban Strategies
Green Garden Bakery
Minneapolis • $15,000

YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities
Beacons Peer Reading Mentor Initiative
Metro Area • $10,000

Advocacy

Voices and Choices for Children is a two year-old coalition fiscal agented and staffed by the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota. It works to build power in communities of color and American Indian communities to support policies that contribute to the overall well-being of young children in their communities. The Sheltering Arms Foundation has supported the development of its policy agenda and organizing efforts.

The coalition has grown to more than thirty organizations across the state. Voices and Choices has created a separate advisory group for parents of color called the Voices and Choices Parental Advisory Council. Members of the coalition worked together to create a 2017 legislative agenda that focused on several issues: increased investments in the Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP), no mandatory BA degree requirements for early childhood teachers and providers and the creation of a Community Solutions Fund. Of those goals, the greatest success was some family friendly changes to CCAP that allowed most families to stay enrolled for 12 months. Voices and Choices also held a successful first Children's Day on the Hill and conducted parent advocacy training.

Voices and Choices grew out of a concern that the voices of communities of color were not being heard clearly enough in other organizing efforts in early childhood including MinneMinds and Start Early. This new early childhood voice provides a safe space for communities of color to determine the best directions for their own communities as well as a strong partner in early childhood efforts.

"At the second session of our Parent Advocacy Training, parents broke into small groups to discuss policies they felt impacted their lives and the lives of their children. They were asked what changes they might make to these policies. One group of parents engaged in an especially complex discussion about how many of the public programs in which they participated seemed designed to keep them from making real progress in their lives. Many knew to the dollar exactly how much money they could make before they would lose ground by losing benefits such as child care support, Medicaid for their kids or housing support. These parents questioned whether policy makers really understood the needs of low-income parents because many policies seemed to lack a real understanding of the kinds of support they needed."

~ Bharti Wahi, Executive Director

Episcopal Community Grants

Church of the Holy Apostles is a majority Hmong congregation in east St. Paul. The Sheltering Arms Foundation supported its youth group to spend five days on pilgrimage in and around Brainerd, MN to learn about the life and ministry of Enmegahbowh the first Native Episcopal priest in Minnesota; Ojibwe culture; and the history of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. The group visited several historic sites related to the life and mission of Enmegahbowh, heard his life story and listened to his writings in location. They saw the site of one of his missions and visited old Fort Ripley where Enmegahbowh and his wife fled for safety during the Dakota Uprising in 1862. The youth viewed demonstrations of traditional dance and clothing and heard traditional stories and played the drum. This pilgrimage helped the Hmong youth of Holy Apostles to understand their own story, culture, and history by learning about Enmegahbowh and Ojibwe people in Minnesota.

After learning about Indian boarding schools and the prohibition on the students speaking their Native language, a high school age participant said, "No one took us away from our families, but we are like the Indian children because we're losing our Hmong language and culture. I remember knowing how to speak Hmong when I went to kindergarten, and then I was taught English, and now I've lost most of my Hmong. "And," he added, "my younger siblings can't understand their grandparents at all." He lamented the loss of connection to their Hmong identity, language and culture. That night the youth decided they wanted a monthly Hmong Culture and Language night.

Episcopal Community Grants

Church of the Holy Apostles
Enmegahbowh Youth Pilgrimage
Brainerd • $1,000

Messiah Episcopal Church
Great Adventure Days
St. Paul • $1,000

St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church
Kids Hope USA
White Bear Lake • $1,000

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Galtier Volunteer Partnership
St. Paul • $1,000

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Olive Branch Residence Play Space
Duluth • $1,000

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Sister Annette Relf founded Sheltering Arms in the late 1800's, and the Foundation we have today is her legacy. We have named our sustaining membership in her honor. You can become part of the Sustainers' Circle simply by making a monthly donation of any amount. This is now your legacy, too.

A special thank you to our Sustainers' Circle members for your continuous support!

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Financials

Statement of Financial Position

Year ended June 30,

Assets	2017	2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 196,672	$ 203,813
Holdback Receivables	35,413	15,960
Investments	13,664,833	12,797,302
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	1,715,120	1,693,879
Prepaid Expenses	1,715,120	3,167
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,835	2,831
Total Assets	$ 15,618,037	$ 14,716,952
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	$ 457,000	$ 460,000
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	-	4,823
Total Current Liabilities	$ 457,000	$ 464,823
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	$ 13,445,917	$ 12,558,250
Permanently Restricted	1,715,120	1,693,879
Total Net Assets	$ 15,161,037	$ 14,252,129
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 15,618,037	$ 14,716,952

Complete audited financial statements are available upon request from the Foundation office. Audit performed by Wilkerson Guthmann.

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30,

Unrestricted Net Assets	2017	2016
Revenue and Support		
Investments Income	$ 282,203	$ 289,554
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	1,493,196	(857,475)
Contributions and Other Income	37,136	40,204
Total Revenue	$ 1,812,535	$ (527,717)
Expenses		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	$ 491,568	$ 491,613
Advocacy and Grants Management	189,851	190,985
Operational Expenses:		
Management and General	177,055	175,940
Fund Development	2,120	3,175
Investment and Custodial Fees	64,274	67,404
Total Expenses	$ 924,868	$ 929,117
Net Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	$ 887,667	$ (1,456,834)
Permanently Restricted Net Assets		
Revenue		
Gain on Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	$ 21,241	$ (50,594)
Net Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	$ 21,241	$ (50,594)
Change in Net Assets	$ 908,908	$ (1,507,428)

The Foundation uses the accrual method of accounting for financial reporting purposes. Under the accrual method, revenues are recorded when earned, contributions are recorded when an unconditional promise to give has been received, and expenses are recorded when incurred. Grants are recorded when approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Grant awards that extend more than one year into the future are not recorded due to their conditional nature as the grantee needs to meet certain requirements before subsequent year awards are approved for payment.