

# 2017-2018 Annual Report



The  
**Sheltering Arms**  
Foundation



## 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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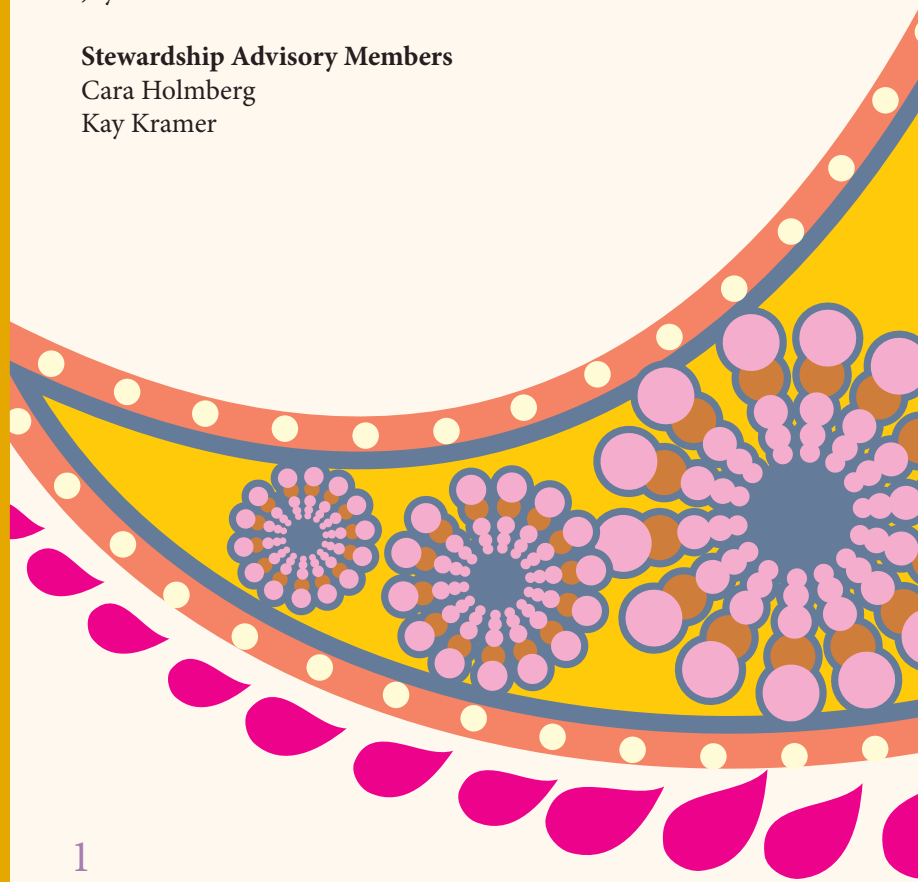
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# Leadership Letter



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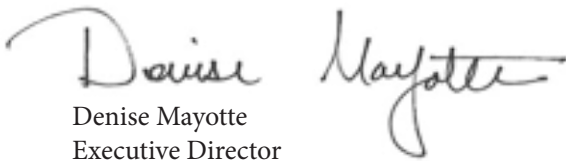
2017-18 was the first year into our new strategic plan and we took some exciting steps forward. We worked towards our goal of closing the opportunity gap by asking our grantees what this meant to them and incorporating their answers into our grantmaking. We worked to educate our trustees in critical issues such as challenges facing the refugee community, children's mental health and equity. We explored mission related investing and incorporated it into our investment objectives. We created a communication plan that included plans for a new website, video and logo.

Our efforts also included:


-  \$485,000 in grants to 37 non-profit organizations, two grants to support work on behalf of children and families at Episcopal congregations and two grants to support our collective impact partners.
-  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, Minneminds, Ignite Afterschool, and more.

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

Sincerely,



Denise Mayotte  
Executive Director



Julia Gutz Moller  
Board President, 2017-2018

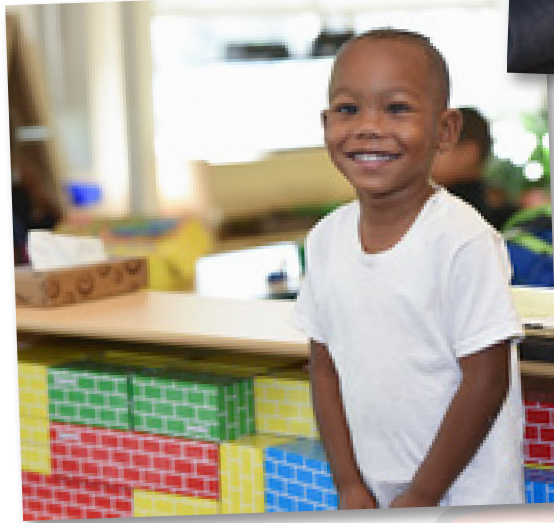
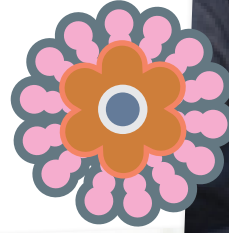


# Early Childhood

People Serving People is the largest, most comprehensive family homeless shelter in Minnesota. It provides shelter and multiple support services to move families experiencing homelessness toward self-sufficiency. It decided to look for a solution to intervene upstream to help families before they required the services of a shelter.

People Serving People opened the Center of Excellence Preschool and Learning Center in the Phillips community in Minneapolis in spring 2017 to fulfill this vision. The Center serves children 6 weeks to 5 years old, with before and after care for children up to 12 years old. The curriculum incorporates nature-based learning and takes a trauma-informed approach to early childhood education. Small class sizes and low teacher-to-child ratios facilitate optimal growth and development. The licensed center has a 4-Star Parent Aware rating from the State of Minnesota and is designated a Strong Beginnings site by Hennepin County.

In addition to direct service, the Center also serves as an innovation lab featuring research, development, and training to improve the field of family resilience and trauma-informed education and service.



**“The Center of Excellence Preschool and Learning Center is an exciting new initiative of People Serving People. We know from firsthand experience and academic research that early education is critical to set children on track for future success in school and life. Our new Center of Excellence allows us to expand our**

**impact upstream and provide continuity of services for families leaving our emergency shelter. We’re grateful the Sheltering Arms Foundation shares our commitment to the youngest members of our community and provided funding to help launch our nature-based, trauma informed early education program.”**

*~ Daniel Gumnit, People Serving People CEO*

**Center City Housing Corp.**  
*Gage East TOTS Program*  
Rochester | \$20,000

**Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota**  
*Voices and Choices for Children*  
Statewide | \$10,000

**CHUM**  
*Early Childhood Program at Steve O’Neil Apartments*  
Duluth | \$10,000

**Domestic Abuse Project**  
*Birth to Three Expansion*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**The Family Partnership**  
*Executive Functioning Across Generations*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**Headway Emotional Health Services**  
*Native American Families Home Visiting*  
Minneapolis | \$12,000

**Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners**  
*Parent-Child Interaction Therapy*  
Wayzata | \$10,000

**Joyce Preschool**  
*Preschool Parent Development*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board**  
*Citywide Child Care System*  
Minneapolis | \$12,000

**Montessori American Indian Childcare Center**  
*Family Nest*  
St Paul | \$10,000

**Northland Foundation**  
*Quality Child Care Project*  
Duluth | \$20,000

**Northside Achievement Zone**  
*Early Childhood*  
Minneapolis | \$18,000

**People Serving People Early Childhood Center of Excellence**  
Minneapolis | \$15,000

**Simpson Housing Services**  
*Prepare for K*  
Minneapolis | \$15,000

**Way to Grow**  
*Great by 8 Program*  
Minneapolis | \$12,000

**Wilder Foundation**  
*Promise Neighborhood*  
St. Paul | \$10,000



# Youth Development



“The ReVoice podcast camp allowed our young authors to explore new forms of storytelling. Students recorded podcast episodes about family and identity, and had the opportunity to visit local radio stations to learn from experts in our community about broadcasting. At MOI, we are focused on amplifying youth voice, and a grant from the Sheltering Arms foundation supported us in doing that in new and creative ways.”

~ *Samantha Sencer-Mura, Executive Director*

Mid-continent Oceanographic Institute (MOI) is a creative writing and tutoring non-profit that began in 2009 under the name Rock Star Supply Company. It is a chapter in development of the 826 national network inspired by the work of author Dave Eggers. Its services focus on one-to-one attention and strong writing skills through five programs: After School Homework Help, In-school Tutoring, Creative Writing Workshops, Young Authors' Book Project and Storytelling and Bookmaking field trips.

SAF supported MOI to do a summer program that that allowed youth to write, record and produce their own podcasts to explore self-identity and to gather stories from their own communities. The majority of the youth that MOI serves identify as East African. The podcasts were distributed through social media and local community radio stations.



**American Indian  
Community Housing Org**  
*Gimaajii Healthy Children  
Initiative*  
Duluth | \$10,000

**Centro Tyrone Guzman**  
*Summer Program*  
Minneapolis | \$14,500

**CommonBond  
Communities**  
*SEL Youth Program*  
Metro Area | \$10,000

**CLUES**  
*Creando Juntos Program*  
St. Paul | \$10,000

**Emerge Community  
Development**  
*Mentoring Youth through the  
Arts*  
Minneapolis | \$12,000

**Fred Wells Tennis &  
Education Center**  
*TennisWorks Stars*  
Metro Area | \$10,000

**Hope Community, Inc.**  
*Learning in Community*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**Hospitality House**  
*Urban Learning Center*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**Keystone Community  
Services**  
*Youth Cultural Dance*  
St. Paul | \$10,000

**Mid-Continent  
Oceanographic Institute**  
*Creative Writing/ReVoice  
Podcast*  
St. Paul | \$10,000

**Minnesota Council  
of Churches**  
*Tutor & Mentor Recruitment*  
Metro Area | \$5,000

**NorthStar Youth  
Worker Fellowship**  
*NorthStar Project*  
Statewide | \$15,000

**Plymouth Christian  
Youth Center**  
*Building SEL Curriculum*  
Minneapolis | \$13,000

**Project FINE**  
*Kids' Cultural Club*  
Winona | \$15,000

**Project Friendship**  
*Mentor Program*  
Northfield | \$8,000

**St. Croix Family  
Resource Center**  
*Music and Tutoring*  
Stillwater | \$10,000

**Twin Cities Housing  
Development Corp.**  
*Plus Time Arts*  
St. Paul | \$7,500

**Urban Arts Academy**  
*Culture and Identity through  
Photography & Spoken Word*  
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**Urban Strategies**  
*Green Garden Bakery*  
Minneapolis | \$18,000

**YMCA of the  
Greater Twin Cities**  
*Beacons Peer Reading Mentor  
Initiative*  
Metro Area | \$15,000

**YWCA of Minneapolis**  
*Girls Inc. Advocacy Pilot*  
Minneapolis | \$15,000

# Advocacy

## YWCA of Minneapolis *Girls Inc. Afterschool Program*

\$15,000

YWCA does public policy work in the area of early childhood and youth development. SAF supported its pilot program focused on advocacy called Girls, Inc., an after-school program focused on STEM and advocacy leadership.

The pilot program tested out a curriculum from the national Girls, Inc program. It served 40-50 girls ages 9-12, helping to elevate the girls' voice and building skills in leadership and civic engagement. Girls engaged in a ladder of advocacy opportunities from basic (letter writing and phone calls, marches and rallies) to advanced (testifying at committee hearing, individual meetings with elected officials. They attended Youth Day at the Capitol, Girls Rock the Capitol and other events as well as scheduling legislators and other people working in lobbying/advocacy to visit YWCA programming.

The Girls, Inc. advocacy program is a creative opportunity for under-represented girls to develop leadership and advocacy skills. The program is given a longer reach through its integration with the existing Girls, Inc after-school program.



**“This is a program that empowers girls to be leaders and elevates their voices in the world. The girls in this program learned about the importance of voting, the history of women’s suffrage, how they can impact public policy and how to write their representatives. They put their knowledge into action by developing advocacy projects about issues they cared about. In the end, 95 percent believed they could create positive change in their community. The impact of that will reverberate throughout their lives.”**

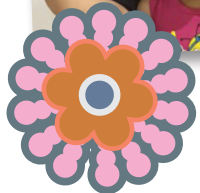
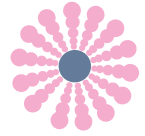
*~ Stephanie Thomas, Vice President of Early Childhood Education and Girls and Youth, YWCA Minneapolis*



# Episcopal Community Grants

Sheltering Arms supported St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the service of its youth with the families of Rice Lake on the White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota. Twenty-seven youth and adults were in residence in White Earth for a week in the summer of 2017. The youth served between 30-60 children daily at the Boys and Girls Club in Rice Lake. They assisted in various youth activities, arts and crafts, learning circles, and games, and organized community projects, including the construction and installation of an altar rail for the faith community of St. Philip's Church. They also held an all-community cook-out, open to all families in the Rice Lake community.

2017 was the fourth consecutive year that St. Stephen's Church was able to send members and friends to connect with the children and families of Rice Lake, and we are grateful that the Sheltering Arms Foundation helped us be present again. That consistency of presence has led to the building of positive relationships between our communities, and the children of Rice Lake have grown to expect and enjoy time for learning and fun with St. Stephen's youth. The results?... a greater understanding of the mutual needs we all share for dignity and caring relationships, a greater understanding of our common humanity, and growing friendships that are not limited by geography or history. The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, one of our White Earth hosts, has said regarding this annual gathering with White Earth: **Because of your annual ministry with us...I am able to always reinforce the message that our kids are loved and adults really do care!**



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

**St. Stephen the Martyr  
White Earth Reservation**  
*Youth Trip*  
Edina | \$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,	
	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 199,527	\$ 196,672
Holdback Receivables	-	35,413
Investments	13,989,099	13,664,833
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	1,700,256	1,715,120
Prepaid Expenses	3,164	3,164
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,785	2,835
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,893,831</b>	<b>\$ 15,618,037</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	\$ 458,900	\$ 457,000
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 458,900</b>	<b>\$ 457,000</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	\$ 13,734,675	\$ 13,445,917
Permanently Restricted	1,700,256	1,715,120
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,434,931</b>	<b>\$ 15,161,037</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,893,831</b>	<b>\$ 15,618,037</b>

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

## Statement of Activities

	Year ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>		
Revenue and Support		
Investments Income	\$ 284,568	\$ 282,203
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	889,224	1,493,196
Contributions and Other Income	51,548	37,136
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,340</b>	<b>\$ 1,812,535</b>
Expenses		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	\$ 485,900	\$ 491,568
Advocacy and Grants Management	202,374	189,851
Operational Expenses:		
Management and General	180,761	177,055
Fund Development	3,165	2,120
Investment and Custodial Fees	64,382	64,274
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 936,582</b>	<b>\$ 924,868</b>
<b>Net Change in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 288,758</b>	<b>\$ 887,667</b>
<b>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>		
Revenue		
Gain on Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	\$ (14,864)	\$ 21,241
<b>Net Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (14,864)</b>	<b>\$ 21,241</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 273,894</b>	<b>\$ 908,908</b>

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.