2018-2019 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,

2018-19 marked the beginning of our 35th year as a foundation and some great steps forward in our work. We launched a new website, video and logo. We hired a new investment advisor who is well suited to support our mission related investment goals. We continued our work on equity by engaging board and staff with the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). We began work on a planned giving effort called the SAF Legacy Club.

Our efforts also included:

- $494,000 in grants to 42 non-profit organizations as well as four grants to the Episcopal Faith Community to support work on behalf of children and families throughout Minnesota.
- Our annual Grantee Convening to share stories of success.
- The Early Childhood Legislative Briefing combined with Early Childhood Day on the Hill in partnership with the Start Early Funders Coalition, MinneMinds and the United Way.
- 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

Su-Fei Wong McKhann
Board President, 2018-2019

Early Childhood

The Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota (LSIC) is a federally recognized sovereign Dakota nation located in southwestern Minnesota. LSIC created a Dakota language immersion early childhood program called Caŋṡayapi Waḳaŋyeża Owayawa Oṭi, which means Lower Sioux Children are Sacred, to help young families in the community and to give children the developmental benefits of immersion in their language and culture. The project includes both Early Head Start home visiting and an Early Childhood Center for children 0-5, including a preschool room for 20 children ages 3-5. Funds from SAF supported the purchase of Creative Curriculum, which was then adapted to incorporate Dakota culture.

The early childhood center, built in space adjacent to the Jackpot Junction Casino, includes many cultural elements in its design. Staff receives training to get early childhood credentials necessary for Head Start hires, expanding opportunities for tribal members. Staff also receives training in Dakota language and additionally, the program makes use of elder fluent Dakota speakers to help parents and children with the language.

This is a model early childhood program, fully culturally relevant for the Dakota children it serves and very high-quality. As a Head Start program, it is 4-star Parent Aware and eligible for early learning scholarships and the highest level of CCAP support. It is strongly embraced by the whole Lower Sioux community.

A Chance to Grow
Emotionally SMART
Twin Cities Metro Area • $15,000

Banyan Community
Pathway to Preschool
Minneapolis • $10,000

Bloom Early Learning Center
Preschool Expansion
Twin Cities Metro Area • $10,000

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

Centro Tyrone Guzman
Siembra Montessori Preschool
Minneapolis • $10,000

Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota
Voices and Choices for Children
Statewide • $10,000

The Children's Theatre Company
Early Bridges
St. Paul • $10,000

Domestic Abuse Project
Circles of Security
Twin Cities Metro • $15,000

The Family Partnership
Executive Functioning Across Generations
Minneapolis • $10,000

Haven Housing
Emergency Shelter Mental Health
Minneapolis • $10,000

Headway Emotional Health Services
Family Spirit Home Visiting
Minneapolis • $12,000

Hmong American Partnership
Hmoob Toj Siaab Children's House
St. Paul • $10,000

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
Fight for Opportunity in Quality Childcare
Statewide • $10,000

Joyce Preschool
Preschool Parent Development
Minneapolis • $10,000

Lifetrack
Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
Statewide • $15,000

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Caŋṡayapi Dakota Immersion Preschool
Greater Minnesota • $10,000

Minnesota Children's Museum
Early Childhood Learning Community
Twin Cities Metro • $10,000

Montessori American Indian Childcare Center
Family Nest
St. Paul • $10,000

Montessori Center of Minnesota
Increasing Access to High Quality Education
St. Paul • $10,000

Northside Achievement Zone
Kindergarten Readiness
Minneapolis • $10,000

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

St. David's Center for Child & Family Development
Family Place
Minneapolis • $10,000

Think Small
Advocating for Young Children
Statewide • $15,000

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

West Central Initiative
Early Childhood Workforce Development
Statewide • $10,000

Wilder Foundation
Promise Neighborhood
St. Paul • $10,000

"Tohan Dakota oyate kiŋ Dakota iapi kiŋhaŋ sdodkiyapte. Heuŋ ded waḳaŋyeża ob dakod ia wouŋhdakapi. When the Dakota Nation speaks Dakota, then they will know who they are. Therefore, here we speak Dakota with our waḳaŋyeża, our sacred little ones."

Youth Development

Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County (HOGC) serves Hispanics in Goodhue County (southeast MN) - a large, rural county with a rapidly growing population. HOGC offers advocacy, support, referrals, education, and mental health services, along with leadership development and cultural events. Its mission is to help ease Hispanics' integration into the community while preserving their culture. HOGC's afterschool and mentoring program, Raising Immigrant Students' Education Success (RISES), assists Hispanic students in grades 5-12 at two Red Wing schools to improve academic skills and grades, ensure on-time graduation, and prepare for postsecondary training or career success.

HOGC was funded by SAF to expand the component of RISES serving grades 5-7 by adding an extra program day to deliver the program two days per week. With this additional time, HOGC has expanded the cultural component of RISES. This newly developed curriculum of culturally specific activities recognizes that preserving their culture of origin is essential to children's social and emotional identity. Additionally, the program enhances parental engagement, and has created a RISES Parent Advisory Council that assists with cultural activities and offers an opportunity for parents to learn skills to advocate for their children.

HOGC is a small organization taking on an ambitious agenda with a very small staff and limited resources. It is the only organization serving the growing Hispanic population between Owatonna/Winona and the Twin Cities.

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

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

Duluth Community School Collaborative
Social Emotional Learning
Duluth • $15,000

Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center
TennisWorks Stars
Twin Cities Metro • $10,000

Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County
Raising Immigrant Student Success
Red Wing • $10,000

Hospitality House
Urban Learning Center
Minneapolis • $10,000

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

Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul
American Indian Youth Enrichment
St. Paul • $13,000

Keystone Community Services
Community Kids
St. Paul • $12,500

Liberty Community Church
21st Century Academy
Minneapolis • $15,000

Plymouth Christian Youth Center
SEL Afterschool Pilot
Minneapolis • $10,000

Project FINE
Kids' Cultural Club
Winona • $15,000

St. Croix Family Resource Center
Music and Tutoring
Stillwater • $10,000

YWCA of Minneapolis
Building Girls and Youth Advocacy
Minneapolis • $15,000

"We want to help parents understand. To be educated. To be involved in their child's education. What parent doesn't want their kids to be successful? It's important to take pride and also to help young people that often times are confused with their heritage. Especially the ones that are born here. We want to help them find their identity. We're so thankful for the funding from the SAF."

~ Lucy Richardson, HOGC Executive Director

Advocacy

The Wilder Foundation is the backbone organization and fiscal agent of The St. Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN.. It is an educational collaborative that brings together families, schools and communities to change the odds for children in the Frogtown, Rondo, and Summit-University neighborhoods of St. Paul. It uses, education, advocacy, and family stability as tools to end multi-generational poverty by creating early pathways of opportunity leading to educational success.

SAF supported the expansion of two vehicles for building the power of SPPN parents – the SPPN Parent Council, a group of parents living in the affected neighborhoods who work to involve other parents in public decisions and LOVElife, a participatory research team producing knowledge that aids parent organizing. The parents work in support of the SPPN policy agenda that includes both affordable housing strategies and the agenda of the MinneMinds coalition, including early learning scholarships and home visiting funding. The program also involves parents in voter engagement efforts.

MinneMinds has recognized that a missing voice in policy efforts is that of parents impacted by poverty. SPPN is a key vehicle to bring that voice to the table with stories of how early childhood scholarships and other supports have benefitted their lives and started to make important changes to their St. Paul neighborhoods. The coordination of families, schools and community give the stories of parents context and power.

"I have been honored to witness how the Parent Council has created meaningful pathways for parents in their schools and neighborhoods to turn their ideas into action, discover how their actions influence change, and produce knowledge that enhances the ability of other parents to participate in shaping new realities for our children."

~ mk nguyen, Program Associate for the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood

Wilder Foundation

St. Paul Promise Neighborhood Parent Power

$10,000

"What I love about my work as a parent advocate and organizer is witnessing myself and other parents stepping into our power and demanding a seat at tables where public decision are being made about us and our children. I value people's ability to realize that they have the power and capacity to shape their own future. I value my ability to model for my children and other children in my community an understanding that we have always possessed the power to shape our reality and that the work we must do is to learn how we want to use that power. In my work, I have come to understand that change is inevitable, but justice is not. I value my work to help people understand that complacency and comfort does not equate to equity and justice."

~ Erica Valliant, SPPN Parent Council leader

Episcopal Community Grants

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Detroit Lakes in northwestern Minnesota is a member of Tri-Church, an informal collaborative composed of representatives of three area churches. Last year, Tri-Church joined forces with Becker County Child Protection Services to assist children awaiting foster care placement. The project supported by

Sheltering Arms was to assemble "transition kits" for 35-40 children with essential items to support the children as they awaited foster care placement. Because the children are often removed from their homes with only the clothes that they are wearing, kits contain blankets, clothes, toys, books, snacks, a backpack and other items. The kits were assembled by children and adults from the three participating churches, who learned important lessons about others in the community who live very challenging lives. SAF funds also helped with scholarships to area summer camps for children recently taken into foster care. Participation in summer camp is a luxury few of these children have experienced.

"The most important outcome of this project, besides meeting some unmet needs of the community, was that both adults and youth continue to find ways to remain aware of the issues of foster children and homeless children in the community."

~ The Rev. Georgia Hecock

Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles
Summer Stretch
St. Paul • $1,000

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
Spanish Book Club
Minneapolis • $900

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

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Tri-Church Foster Care Kits
Detroit Lakes • $1,000

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"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"
~ George Eliot

With the generous support of these individuals, The Sheltering Arms Foundation is able to make a difference in the lives of children and families in the state of Minnesota. All gifts, regardless of size, are important to The Sheltering Arms Foundation and its future. We make every effort to ensure that each donor is properly recognized. Please let us know of any omission or corrections.

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

	Year ended June 30, 2019	Year ended June 30, 2018
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 192,241	$ 199,527
Holdback Receivables	-	-
Investments	13,724,991	13,989,099
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	1,688,496	1,700,256
Prepaid Expenses	3,166	3,164
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	-	1,785
Total Assets	$ 15,608,894	$ 15,893,831
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	$ 430,000	$ 458,900
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	$ 430,000	$ 458,900
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	$ 13,490,398	$ 13,734,675
Permanently Restricted	1,688,496	1,700,256
Total Net Assets	$ 15,178,894	$ 15,434,931
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 15,608,894	$ 15,893,831

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

Statement of Activities

	Year ended June 30, 2019	Year ended June 30, 2018
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenue and Support		
Investment Return, Net	$ 563,264	$ 1,109,410
Contributions and Other Income	46,213	51,548
Total Revenue	$ 609,477	$ 1,160,958
Expenses		
Program Expenses:		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	$ 465,000	$ 485,900
Advocacy and Grants Management	200,796	206,894
Total Program Expenses	$ 665,796	$ 692,794
Management and General	182,720	174,329
Fund Development	5,238	5,077
Total Expenses	$ 853,754	$ 872,200
Net Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	$ (244,277)	$ 288,758
Permanently Restricted Net Assets		
Revenue		
Gain on Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	$ (11,760)	$ (14,864)
Net Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	$ (11,760)	$ (14,864)
Change in Net Assets	$ (256,037)	$ 273,894

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.