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.

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Dear friends,

This year began normally but ended up being a very unusual year for the Sheltering Arms Foundation, our grantees, our state and the country. The twin pandemics of Covid-19 and a reckoning with racism prompted by the murder of George Floyd upended our usual way of doing business and prompted a rethinking of how to do our work. Like many foundations, we gave our grantees additional flexibility to deal with serving children and families during this challenging time and were heartened by the amazing creativity that they exhibited. We also recommitted to our work to close the opportunity gap for Black, Indigenous and children of color and to work to become an organization based in equity.

Our 2019-2020 efforts included:

- $465,000 in grants to 40 organizations as well as seven grants to support work on behalf of children and families at Episcopal congregations.
- Our annual Grantee Convening to share stories of success.
- Extensive legislative work on behalf of child care providers through the Start Early Funders Coalition, including moving funding initially allocated to The Early Childhood Legislative Forum to efforts for childcare providers.

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

Sincerely,

Denise Mayotte    Judy Parr
Executive Director    Board President, 2019-2020
La Red is a peer network of Latinx family, friend and neighbor care providers committed to helping to prepare the over 300 young children in their care to enter kindergarten. La Red is focused on Richfield, a community south of Minneapolis with a large and growing Latinx population. The network is run by a 12-person steering committee of childcare providers and network members and fiscal agented by Partnership Academy, a Latinx focused charter school.

Sheltering Arms supported the development of a kindergarten transition curriculum and training in the curriculum to members. The curriculum covers topics such as touring a school, bus transportation, kindergarten readiness expectations, nutrition and physical and emotional health. An important aspect of all trainings provided by the network is the cultural context of its Latinx members.

La Red is a unique network, deeply rooted in its community and run by those it serves. The majority of the most vulnerable children in the state are cared for by family, friends and neighbors but it has been difficult to find ways to help make sure these children are ready for kindergarten and often, they are not. La Red uses both relationship outreach and Facebook to find families in need of its training opportunities.

“This project was a great opportunity to learn that most important foundation in preparing young children for kindergarten, building up the skills, capacity, and agency of the community who care for our children. We do not only believe this but have experienced it to be true. Thanks to the support of Sheltering Arms, we were able to support our model by increasing La Red’s capacity to prepare young children for kindergarten.”

_Ruth Evangelista, Co-founder and Director of LaRed_

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**Bloom Early Learning Center**
*Parent Engagement*
Twin Cities Metro Area $5,000

**The Children’s Theatre Company**
*Early Bridges*
St. Paul $10,000

**Haven Housing**
*Emergency Shelter Mental Health*
Minneapolis $12,500

**Joyce Preschool**
*Home Visiting Expansion*
Minneapolis $10,000

**La Red Latina de Educacion Temprana**
*Kindergarten Readiness*
Twin Cities Metro Area $10,000

**Lincoln Park Children & Families Collaborative**
*Emaanjiwaang Program*
Duluth $15,000

**Lower Sioux Indian Community**
*Cansa’yapi Dakota Immersion Preschool*
Morton $10,000

**Northland Foundation**
*Mental Health Education*
Greater Minnesota $15,000

**Northside Achievement Zone**
*Kindergarten Readiness*
Minneapolis $10,000

**Phyllis Wheatley Community Center**
*Family Engagement Center*
Minneapolis $13,000

**Serve Minnesota**
*Family Child Care Reading Corp*
Minneapolis $15,000

**Southside Family Nurturing Center**
*Family Spirit Home Visiting*
Minneapolis $10,000

**David’s Center for Child & Family Development**
*Family Place*
Minneapolis $10,000

**Washburn Center for Children**
*In-Home Therapeutic Care*
Twin Cities Metro Area $10,000

**YWCA of Duluth**
*SEL Education*
Duluth $15,000
With the belief that opportunity grows and poverty recedes when people of faith invest themselves in effective action, Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul operates several programs focused on economic mobility. One program is a culturally based out-of-school time program. The American Indian Youth Enrichment (AIYE) program is the only year-round program serving American Indian youth in St. Paul and operates out of the American Indian Magnet School on the east side of the city. Since the onset of COVID, the program is being held entirely online. The program provides rigorous academic and literacy support interwoven with culturally relevant activities and field experiences to build students’ cultural knowledge and self-esteem. It focuses on students in grades 1-6 drawn from the east side and surrounding suburbs, the majority being American Indian though not exclusively.

Sheltering Arms supported Interfaith to add a new cultural evaluation tool for its AIYE program. It utilizes culturally appropriate practices to communicate with staff, students, parents and members of the broader Indian community. It also deepens the ability of the program to address social emotional learning in a culturally appropriate manner.

Quotes from our recent summer (online) program

“I thought it would be boring but I ended up really having fun making art and learning more about our culture! Thank you!!!”

Summer program online student

“My child now googles Native words and try to speak to us in his Dakota language. He has asked us more about his tribe and where we are from.”

Parent of summer school student
The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) is a statewide faith-based advocacy coalition governed by Minnesota Council of Churches, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the MN Catholic Conference, and the Islamic Center of Minnesota. Each year, the JRLC develops a social justice agenda for legislative work and in recent years, child care for low-income Minnesotans has emerged as a key issue. The JRLC was among the founders of the Kids Can’t Wait Coalition that advocates for increased funding Minnesota’s Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and has been a key advocate in the fight to increase CCAP funding available to Minnesota families. A critical element of this work is to increase the provider rate, as the low rates of reimbursement per child have led to unsustainable business models for child care centers and family child care programs that accept low-income children.

JRLC’s organizing model is to bring together congregational and individual members to advocate for its agenda. It identifies district leaders and holds forums in each of Minnesota’s legislative districts, holds webinars to train leaders and brings a large group of advocates to the Capitol for its Day on the Hill each February to meet with legislators. This year saw the first increase in CCAP rates in many years, allowing the state to come into conformity with federal laws and resulting in an additional $65 million for Minnesota child care providers.

“Young children can’t come to the Capitol to advocate for themselves. Funding from the Sheltering Arms Foundation helped us guarantee that legislator[s] from across the state heard stories from their own communities about the needs of children and parents. This is the best way to make laws – by legislators understanding how their decisions impact individuals and communities. And it worked! Policy makers heard these stories and made an investment in childcare, one that serves all our communities.”

Anne Krisnik, Executive Director, JRLC

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**Ignite Afterschool**  
Partnership, Education & Advocacy  
Statewide ◇ $10,000

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

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

**People Serving People**  
Advocacy for Increasing Access  
Statewide ◇ $10,000

**Start Early Funders Coalition**  
Early Childhood Advocacy  
Statewide ◇ $25,000

**Think Small**  
Advocating for Young Children  
Statewide ◇ $15,000

**Wilder Foundation**  
Promise Neighborhood  
St. Paul ◇ $10,000
Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester decided to get more involved with a group called Justice and Opportunity for Youth (JOY) that had been meeting in its parish hall for two years. JOY is a group that supports middle and high school girls facing challenges in their lives and provides bridges to opportunity. The congregation found opportunities to provide needed hygiene items and snacks and Valentine care packages for the girls. Sheltering Arms supported the next step, a month cooking gathering with lessons on cooking and nutrition. Each girl received a copy of the cookbook Good and Cheap: Eat well on $4/day as well as gift certificates to the Rochester Farmers market.

“Cooking with Joy is the girls’ favorite thing we do. They love the time spent with ‘older ladies’ that show them cool stuff. They find enjoyment and hidden skills they didn’t know they had in preparing the food. They like trying new things. They LOVE the food. Shopping at the market was eye-opening and many have gone back with their families. It is one thing we are so missing this year. So many important life skills tied together in an activity that women of many ages enjoy together.”

Julie Ace

Episcopal Community Grants

Calvary Episcopal Church
Justice & Opportunity for Youth
Rochester • $1,000

Circle of the Beloved
Episcopal Service Corp
North Minneapolis • $1,000

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

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

St. James Episcopal Church
Clothing Closet
Fergus Falls • $1,000

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

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Bundles of Love Collaboration
Winona • $1,000
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SAF Sustainers’ Circle

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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Sheltering Arms Legacy Society

The names listed below represent those individuals that have designated The Sheltering Arms Foundation as a recipient of a charitable bequest in their estate planning. We thank you for your ongoing commitment to our mission.

Adelaide Cline
Susan Dingle
Christabel Grant
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Denise Mayotte
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In Memory of

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by Jill Thompson
Annika White
by Jenna Strain Lutz

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.

“How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to improve the world.”
Anne Frank
## Statement of Financial Position

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### Liabilities and Net Assets

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

## Statement of Activities

### Net Assets without Donor Restrictions

#### Revenue and Support

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#### Expenses

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### Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

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