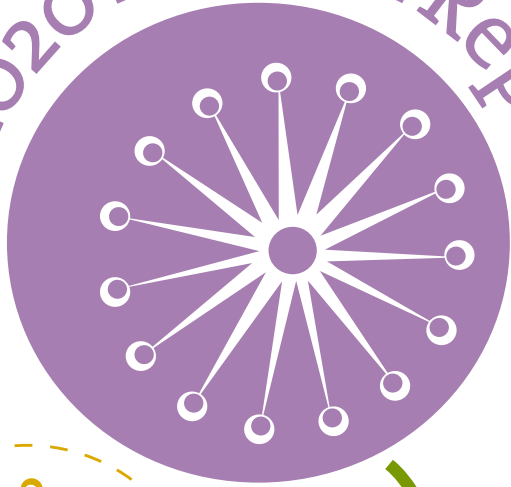
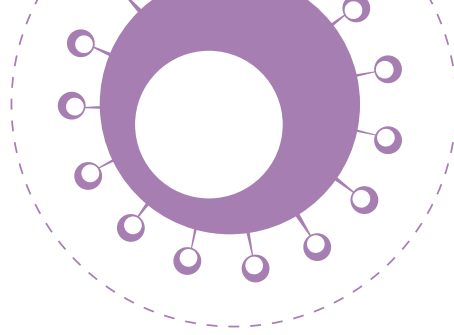


# 2019-2020 Annual Report



The  
**Sheltering Arms**  
Foundation



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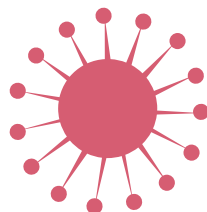
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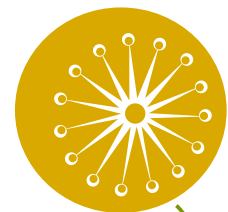


## Our Mission

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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## 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  
Executive Director



Judy Parr  
Board President, 2019-2020

# Leadership Letter



# Early Childhood



“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*



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 agent 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.



**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

# Youth Development

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*

- 826 MSP**  
*Power, Pageantry & Playwriting*  
Minneapolis • \$10,000
- Centro Guadalupano**  
*Andale Explore MN*  
Minneapolis • \$10,000
- ComMUSICation**  
*Afterschool Choral Program*  
St. Paul • \$10,000
- Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center**  
*TennisWorks Stars*  
Twin Cities Metro • \$10,000
- Friendship Academy of the Arts**  
*Freedom School*  
Minneapolis • \$5,000
- Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County**  
*Raising Immigrant Student Success*  
Red Wing • \$15,000

- Hospitality House Youth Development**  
*Urban Learning Center*  
Minneapolis • \$10,000
- Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul**  
*American Indian Youth Enrichment*  
St. Paul • \$15,000
- Keystone Community Services**  
*STEM for Community Kids*  
St. Paul • \$10,000
- Liberty Community Church**  
*21st Century Academy*  
Minneapolis • \$12,500
- Northfield Healthy Community Initiative**  
*OST Programming*  
Northfield • \$15,000

- Plymouth Christian Youth Center**  
*SEL Afterschool Pilot*  
Minneapolis • \$12,000
- Project FINE**  
*Kids' Cultural Club*  
Winona • \$15,000
- Project for Pride in Living**  
*Tutor-Mentor Program*  
Twin Cities Metro Area • \$10,000
- Something Cool, Inc.**  
*Growing Great Kids*  
McGregor • \$10,000
- Urban Strategies**  
*Green Garden Bakery Buds*  
Minneapolis • \$10,000
- YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities**  
*Beacons STEM*  
Twin Cities Metro Area • \$13,000

# Advocacy



“Young children can’t come to the Capitol to advocate for themselves. Funding from the Sheltering Arms Foundation helped us guarantee that legislators 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*

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.

## 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.



# Episcopal Community Grants



“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*

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

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

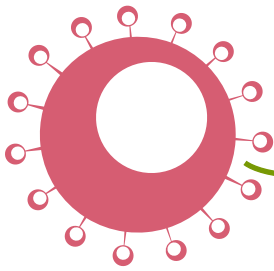
**Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles**  
*Summer Stretch Mission Trip*  
 St. Paul • \$1,000

**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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## Sister Annette Relf 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  
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 Margo Herman  
 Jacqueline Sullivan  
 Denise Mayotte  
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 Jill Thompson  
 Joyce Walker



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.

## In Memory of

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# Financials

## Statement of Financial Position

	Year ended June 30,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 838,086	\$ 192,241
Investments	12,496,091	13,724,991
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	1,630,323	1,688,496
Prepaid Expenses	3,172	3,166
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,967,672</b>	<b>\$ 15,608,894</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	\$ 433,000	\$ 430,000
Notes Payable	45,900	-
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 478,900	\$ 430,000
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 12,858,449	\$ 13,490,398
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	1,630,323	1,688,496
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,488,772	\$ 15,178,894
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,967,672</b>	<b>\$ 15,608,894</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,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>		
<b>Revenue and Support</b>		
Investment Return, Net	\$ 168,963	\$ 563,264
Contributions and Other Income	50,347	46,213
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 219,310</b>	<b>\$ 609,477</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	\$ 468,000	\$ 465,000
Advocacy and Grants Management	204,169	200,796
Total Program Expenses	\$ 672,169	\$ 665,796
Management and General	169,653	182,700
Fund Development	9,437	5,238
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 851,259</b>	<b>\$ 853,734</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>\$ (631,949)</b>	<b>\$ (244,257)</b>
<b>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>		
Revenue		
Net Decrease in Value of Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	\$ (58,173)	\$ (11,760)
<b>Net Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>\$ (58,173)</b>	<b>\$ (11,760)</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (690,122)</b>	<b>\$ (256,017)</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.