



2020-2021
Annual
Report



The
Sheltering Arms
Foundation



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 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.



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Leadership Letter

Dear friends,

Our year at Sheltering Arms was strongly impacted by the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences for our grantees and the children and families that they serve. We continued to streamline our grants process to give our grantees more time for their critical work. We also planned the second phase of our organization's equity, diversity and inclusion work, with the goal of advancing racial equity both inside the Sheltering Arms Foundation and outside in the communities that we serve. We remain steadfast in our commitment to close the opportunity gap for black, indigenous and children of color.

Our 2020-2021 efforts included:

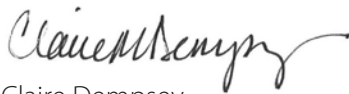
-  \$440,000 in grants to 39 organizations as well as three grants to support work on behalf of children and families within Episcopal congregations.
-  Our annual Grantee Convening, this year held virtually in response to Covid 19, to share stories of success and resilience.
-  Launching the process of mission-related investing within our endowment as an element of our equity work.
-  Extensive legislative work on behalf of childcare providers through the Start Early Funders Coalition. This work advocated for targeting federal American Rescue Fund dollars to child care providers. We also supported Ignite Afterschool to advocate for the creation of a new funding stream for afterschool programs.

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



Claire Dempsey
Board President, 2020-2021





Early Childhood

“In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, the pressures on the families we serve have dramatically increased and more than ever, their children need a safe and stable place in which to learn and develop. The grant from the Sheltering Arms Foundation will ensure that Hallie Q. Brown can continue to provide quality education and childcare to children of essential workers and low-income families among others. As an African American organization, we employ a community centered approach for education and holistic family support. This funding from the Foundation will help provide training for teachers and parents and classroom resources for students to give them the best opportunity for success in life.”

Jonathan Palmer
Executive Director
Hallie Q Brown Community Center



Hallie Q Brown Community Center (HQB) was established in the Rondo neighborhood of St. Paul in 1929 to connect members of the African American community to resources that they were otherwise denied access to due to segregation. After the forced dispersal of the Rondo community due to the construction of I-94, HQB worked with the city of St. Paul to construct the Martin Luther King Center where its Early Learning Center (ELC) is located. The ELC provides children from six weeks up to five years old with skills that prepare them both for kindergarten and life beyond the classroom. HQB has been providing a variety of services to the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. It has maintained operations of its client choice food shelf and kept its childcare center going to serve both children of essential workers and others in the community.



SAF provided support to HQB to create a transitional classroom for older infants to bridge the transition to the toddler years. HQB created this space but discovered that with the demands of the pandemic and its commitment to serving the children of essential workers, the biggest need was to serve children ages three to four. Therefore, HQB converted the new classroom to a preschool classroom for three to four year-olds.

This organization is a community hub and its high-quality childcare center is an essential service. HQB received its 4-Star Parent Aware rating last year with the addition of increased family engagement and professional development opportunities for staff.

Baby's Space: A Place to Grow
Healing our Children, Healing Ourselves
Minneapolis 💎 \$10,000

Centro Tyrone Guzman
Siembra Montessori Early Learning Program
Minneapolis 💎 \$12,000

The Children's Theatre Company
Early Bridges
Minneapolis 💎 \$13,000

Hallie Q Brown Community Center
Early Learning Center
St. Paul 💎 \$10,000

Haven Housing
Emergency Shelter Mental Health
Minneapolis 💎 \$12,500

Hmong American Partnership
Hmoob Toj Siab Children's House
St. Paul 💎 \$5,000

Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health
Early Childhood Mental Health
Twin Cities Metro Area 💎 \$15,000

Northland Foundation
Children & Families Mental Health Education
Greater Minnesota 💎 \$15,000

Perspectives
PreK Every Day
St. Louis Park 💎 \$10,000

Serve Minnesota
Family Child Care Reading Corp
Twin Cities Metro Area 💎 \$10,000

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

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

Washburn Center for Children
In-Home & Family-Focus Therapeutic Care
Twin Cities Metro Area 💎 \$10,000

Way to Grow
Family Engagement
Twin Cities Metro 💎 \$10,000

Wayside House
Culturally Specific Mental Health Services
St. Louis Park 💎 \$10,000

We Impact!
Blacks, Believers, and the Montessori Way
Minneapolis 💎 \$10,000

YWCA of Duluth
Pyramid Model Expansion
Duluth 💎 \$8,000



Youth Development

American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO)

operates a supportive housing program near downtown Duluth, serving previously homeless American Indian families. It has a variety of culturally-based programs in place to support its families including case management, assistance with food, an arts program and a variety of children and youth programs.

AICHO received funding from SAF for the Gimaajii Healthy Families initiative, a food and gardening program that serves youth 5-12 and their families. The program builds on programming previously supported by SAF but creates additional curriculum to engage youth more deeply, based on growing and harvesting culturally-based medicinal plants and food. It operates five days a week with a schedule of weekly gardening, maintenance activities, cooking and academic support.

AICHO has continued to provide services to its families during the Covid-19 pandemic including providing more support for basic needs such as food distribution and PPE. It created a classroom to provide academic support for distance learning and hired an AmeriCorps member to help tutor students in an SEL curriculum. This is a deeply culturally-based program and helps to give support and identity to Native youth facing many challenges.



"Food and gardening provide access to opportunities that restore connections to culture for the youth and families we serve. Learning about cultural food practices connects us to each other, our ancestors and the earth. Together we are learning how vital these connections are to community health and healing."

Katie Schmitz
Children's Program
Coordinator
American Indian Community
Housing Organization



826 MSP

Outdoors Outspoken
Minneapolis 💜 \$13,000

Ain Dah Yung Center

Ninjanisag (Our Children)
St. Paul 💜 \$10,000

American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO)

Gimaajii Healthy Families Initiative
Duluth 💜 \$15,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities

Free Arts Program
St. Paul 💜 \$10,000

createMPLS

STEM Program Expansion
Twin Cities Metro 💜 \$5,000

Division of Indian Work

Niibin Minwendaagwad
Minneapolis 💜 \$15,000

Emma Norton Services

SEL Focused Learning
St. Paul 💜 \$10,000

Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony

Harmony
St. Paul 💜 \$10,000

Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County

Youth and Family Services
Red Wing 💜 \$15,000

Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul

American Indian Youth Enrichment
St. Paul 💜 \$15,000

Liberty Community Church

21st Century Academy
Minneapolis 💜 \$15,000

Project for Pride in Living

Child and Family Art Therapy
Minneapolis 💜 \$12,000

Reading Partners

SEL Curriculum
Minneapolis 💜 \$10,000

St. Croix Family Resource Center

Kids Connection
Stillwater/East Metro 💜 \$10,000

Urban Strategies

Eco-STEM Youth Incubator
Minneapolis 💜 \$10,000

YMCA of the North

Beacons Culinary Arts Initiative
Minneapolis 💜 \$7,000



Advocacy



“The COVID-19 pandemic illuminated many of the long-standing issues facing the child care workforce. The SAF funding allowed our coalition to engage at the Capitol and capture the attention of policymakers, resulting in not only important immediate support for our field, but also the opportunity to plan for how we can “build back better” to truly support the children and families who depend on access to a stable, high-quality and culturally-competent child care system now and in the future”

Ann McCully
Executive Director
Child Care Aware of Minnesota



The Transforming Minnesota's Early Childhood Workforce

project is the result of many years of work by a broad group of stakeholders to address the issue of a shrinking and inadequately-trained early childhood work force, particularly impacting providers of color. The effort is engaged in building a diverse, qualified, well-supported and fairly compensated early childhood workforce that respects and understands the background, cultures and languages of the children being served while also transforming the financing of early care and education. It seeks to impact institutions of higher learning, state agencies, licensing boards, professional learning systems, advocacy organizations and business organizations to support these goals.

SAF funding supports advocacy efforts and work with the Minnesota legislature to increase investment in the early childhood workforce. The plan is informed by the goals developed by a task force process, in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The group will also develop recommendations for administrative changes that do not require legislative action.



The leaders of the Transforming Minnesota's Early Childhood workforce have played a key role in the most recent legislative session to helping to support the childcare industry during Covid-19. They were instrumental in helping to obtain federal funding to support child care programs serving essential workers and using the statewide Child Care Aware network to distribute those funds. With the help of a lobbyist hired through SAF funding, the legislature passed important workforce provisions to support childcare programs and to make early care and education more accessible and affordable for all families. The state's child care system, already challenged by the low wages and a worker shortage, will be facing serious challenges as we emerge from the pandemic. The task force will be extremely important in supporting childcare programs to remain open, to make the field more appealing to new entrants and to support the state's economic recovery.

Child Care Aware of MN

Transforming the Early Childhood Workforce
Statewide 💡 \$15,000

Ignite Afterschool

Partnership, Education & Advocacy
Statewide 💡 \$10,000

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

Fight for Opportunity in Quality Childcare
Statewide 💡 \$10,000

Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting

Advocacy Program
Statewide 💡 \$10,000

Minnesota Philanthropic Collective to Combat Anti-Blackness and Realize Racial Justice

Study, Act & Transform Philanthropy
Statewide 💡 \$5,000

Start Early Funders Coalition

Early Childhood Advocacy
Statewide 💡 \$25,000

Think Small

Advocating for Young Children
Statewide 💡 \$15,000

YWCA of Minneapolis

Girls and Youth Advocacy
Twin Cities Metro Area 💡 \$10,000



Episcopal Community Grants

Circle of the Beloved is the name of the Episcopal Service Corps in Minnesota. It is a young adult service year program that supports a community of young adults (called fellows) who live together in an intentional community while spending a year serving in non-profit organizations. The fellows come from all walks of life and various faith and family backgrounds to spend a year living and serving together. Many arrive following their college graduation with the intent to spend time away from academics so they can focus on their spiritual life and gain important leadership experience.

Circle of the Beloved is based in north Minneapolis and the program supports youth to address the educational, economic, and social disparities within this community. The fellows live at Liberty House which is owned by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. They work with four different organizations, three of which work directly with multicultural youth in and around the north Minneapolis community. The fellows' work supports food insecurity programs; they work directly with youth to help them find their God-given potential, all the while offering and showing kinship across lines of difference. This is an organization that makes a difference both in the lives of the young adults who participate as well as the young people in the north Minneapolis organizations that receive their service.



"The wonderful support from Sheltering Arms over the past few years has helped the fellows of Circle of the Beloved continue to teach and mentor via educational and outreach organizations in the North Minneapolis neighborhoods. Circle has just kicked off our sixth year, and we are honored to have another fellow choose the teaching profession due to the placement and discernment offering of our programs. Building 'kinship across lines of difference' continues to hold true for our organization and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve."

Denise Graber
*Director
Circle of The Beloved*



Circle of the Beloved
Episcopal Service Corp
North Minneapolis ♦ \$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



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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.

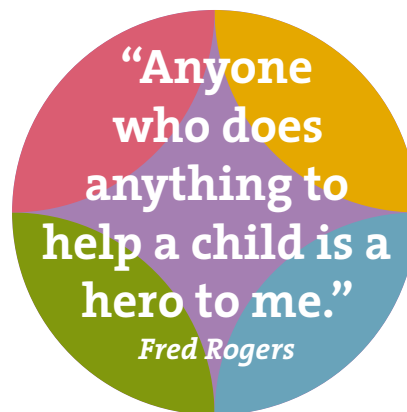
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With the generous support of these individuals, The Sheltering Arms Foundation is able to make a difference in the lives of children and families in the state of Minnesota. All gifts, regardless of size, are important to The Sheltering Arms Foundation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

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Financials

Statement of Financial Position

	Year ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 255,291	\$ 838,086
Receivable	22,595	-
Prepaid Expenses	3,176	3,172
Total Current Assets	\$ 281,062	\$ 841,258
Furniture and Equipment, Net	\$ 9,242	\$ -
Investments	15,839,790	12,496,091
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	1,898,101	1,630,323
Total Other Assets	\$ 17,747,133	\$ 14,126,414
Total Assets	\$ 18,028,195	\$ 14,967,672
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	\$ 514,000	\$ 433,000
Accrued Expenses	3,954	-
Notes Payable	-	45,900
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 517,954	\$ 478,900
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 15,612,140	\$ 12,858,449
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	1,898,101	1,630,323
Total Net Assets	\$ 17,510,241	\$ 14,488,772
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 18,028,195	\$ 14,967,672

Statement of Activities

	Year ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Revenue and Support		
Investment Return, Net	\$ 3,563,499	\$ 168,963
Contributions and Other Income	49,568	-
Forgiveness of Note Payable (PPP)	45,900	50,347
Total Revenue	\$ 3,658,967	\$ 219,310
Expenses		
Program		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	\$ 529,000	\$ 468,000
Advocacy and Grants Management	204,767	204,169
Total Program Expenses	\$ 733,767	\$ 672,169
Management and General	166,621	169,653
Fund Development	4,888	9,437
Total Expenses	\$ 905,276	\$ 851,259
Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 2,753,691	\$ (631,949)
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		
Revenue		
Net Decrease in Value of Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	\$ 267,778	\$ (58,173)
Net Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$ 267,778	\$ (58,173)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 3,021,469	\$ (690,122)

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