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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 nonprofit 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.

Leadership Letter

Dear friends,

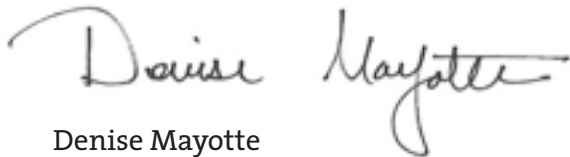
This year at Sheltering Arms, we continued to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences for our grantees and the children and families that they serve. In response, we remain focused on streamlining our grants process, including implementing an oral report process to give our grantees more time for their critical work. We also worked with Courageous Change Collective on the first of a two-year equity, diversity and inclusion process, with the goal of advancing racial equity both inside the Sheltering Arms Foundation and outside in the communities that we serve. We are well aware that Covid-19 is not the only pandemic impacting our grantees. Systemic racism continues to harm the children, families, and communities we serve.

Our 2021-2022 efforts included:

- ◎ **\$529,000 in grants to 50 organizations.** Those organizations include 44 direct service nonprofit organizations, two collective impact partners and four grants to support work on behalf of children and families within the Episcopal faith community.
- ◎ **Our annual Grantee Convening**, again held virtually, was divided into two days, one with our early childhood grantees and one with our out-of-school-time grantees. It provided a space for our grantees to connect with each other and for our board to better understand how to support our grantee partners.
- ◎ **Continuing 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 and secure 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



Andrea Larson
Board President, 2021-2022

Early Childhood Grant Recipients

Centro Tyrone Guzman
Mi Pequeno Mundo: Montessori-based Home Visiting Program
Minneapolis 🌸 \$15,000

The Family Partnership
Multicultural Therapeutic Preschool
Minneapolis 🌸 \$10,000

Hallie O Brown Community Center
Early Learning Center
St. Paul 🌸 \$10,000

Joyce Preschool
Home Visiting Program
Minneapolis 🌸 \$10,000

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

Northside Achievement Zone
Early Childhood Strategy
Minneapolis 🌸 \$10,000

Perspectives
Early Connections Program
St. Louis Park 🌸 \$15,000

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

Washburn Center for Children
Early Intervention Mental Health Care
Twin Cities Metro Area 🌸 \$10,000

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

Wayside House
Culturally Specific Children's Mental Health Services
Twin Cities Metro 🌸 \$10,000

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

YWCA of Duluth
Pyramid Model Expansion
Duluth 🌸 \$5,500

Project Highlight: Northland Foundation

"The Sheltering Arms Foundation is a strong partner for young children and families in our region," stated Zane Bail, Chief Operating Officer at the Northland Foundation. "Thanks to the generous support we have been able to offer an array of programming, as well as accessible training and supports to the adults who work with young children and their families to build resiliency and foster social-emotional wellbeing."

The Northland Foundation is the Minnesota Initiative Fund that serves the northeast corner of the state. It is a funder but also runs its own programs including Early Childhood Initiatives in communities across its region. In 2013, it launched the Parent Aware Pathways Initiative to help increase the number of Parent-Aware-rated childcare providers who are serving families in the region. It also helped to launch the statewide Thrive initiative, focused on children's mental health and several years ago, the Comprehensive Young Children and Families Mental Health Education Program. This year's project funded by SAF builds on that work by increasing access to high quality trainings that support the healthy social-emotional health of young children using a trauma informed/healing centered lens. It also helps to develop community networks to support early childhood mental health, including supports for family, friend, and neighbor providers.

Access to developmentally appropriate info about children's mental health for providers is very limited in greater Minnesota. It is also essential to help support young children, especially children who have experienced trauma. An important element of this program is that it addresses needs of grandparents, neighbors and others caring for some of the most vulnerable children in the region. Given the Covid-19 crisis, trainings successfully switched to a virtual format. The Northland Foundation makes use of existing structures such as its Early Childhood Initiative Coalitions and Child Care Aware to get the word out to providers. It launched a new Indigenous-led initiative called Maada'ooking which has also helped with outreach to Indigenous childcare providers.



Youth Development Grant Recipients

826 MSP
Outdoors Outspoken
Minneapolis 🌀 \$15,000

Ain Dah Yung Center
Ninjanisag (Our Children)
Twin Cities Metro 🌀 \$10,000

American Indian Community Housing Org
Gimaajii Healthy Families Initiative
Duluth 🌀 \$15,000

Banyan Community
Thrive Youth Program
Minneapolis 🌀 \$10,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities
Free Arts Program
Twin Cities Metro 🌀 \$10,000

CommonBond Communities
Study Buddies
St. Paul 🌀 \$15,000

The Connect Center
Kids Connection
Stillwater/East Metro 🌀 \$10,000

createMPLS
STEM Program Expansion
Twin Cities Metro 🌀 \$8,000

Duluth Community School Collaborative
Myers-Wilkins Learning Time
Duluth 🌀 \$10,000

Emma Norton Services
SEL and Trauma Informed Care Focused Learning
St. Paul 🌀 \$10,000

Friendship Academy of the Arts
Freedom School
Minneapolis 🌀 \$12,000

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Learning Labs
Minneapolis 🌀 \$10,000

Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony
Harmony Program
St. Paul 🌀 \$12,500

Hospitality House
Youth Development
Read to Succeed Book Club
Minneapolis 🌀 \$10,000

Illusion Theater and School, Inc.
SEL & Academic Preparedness via Theater
Metro & Greater MN 🌀 \$10,000

Mentor North
Five Points Academic Mentoring
Duluth 🌀 \$10,000

Plymouth Christian Youth Center
Bright Futures
Minneapolis 🌀 \$12,000

Project for Pride in Living
Child and Family Art Therapy
Minneapolis 🌀 \$15,000

Reading Partners
SEL & Family Engagement
Twin Cities Metro 🌀 \$10,000

Tennis & Education, Inc.
Free Arts Program
Twin Cities Metro 🌀 \$10,000

Urban Strategies
Eco-STEM Youth Incubator
Minneapolis 🌀 \$15,000

YMCA of the North
Beacons Culinary Arts Initiative
Minneapolis 🌀 \$10,000

YWCA of Minneapolis
Girls & Youth Advocacy Program
Minneapolis 🌀 \$15,000

Project Highlight: Emma Norton



Emma Norton Services, founded in 1917, has a mission of providing transformational housing and growth for formerly homeless women and families on their journey of recovery.

Emma Norton offers permanent supportive housing for single women in downtown St. Paul and through their scattered site housing program throughout the community. They also serve formerly homeless families in a townhome community, called Emma's Place in Maplewood, that

includes a community building, playgrounds, a half basketball court, computer stations, and more. The youth program has a strong emphasis on social-emotional learning using the Second Step Curriculum and an anti-bullying curriculum, both supported by SAF.

This year, Emma Norton was supported to continue the work of its trauma informed youth program. With the stress and anxiety of the pandemic and social unrest, art therapy has been a very valuable tool for children and their families. In partnership with a team from Art to Change the World, Emma Norton built a "Recovery from Trauma" room for Emma's Place. This sensory room is available for youth and their families when they need a safe space to process difficulty in their lives or meet with staff or visiting mental health

professionals in a private space.

The majority BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) families who are served by this program have suffered extreme trauma during the time they spent without homes and the COVID-19 crisis has deepened that trauma. Youth programming with strong SEL and trauma informed supports have been very helpful to these young people and a sensory room is a wonderful additional refuge.



Advocacy Grant Recipients

Child Care Aware of MN

*Transforming the Early
Childhood Workforce
Statewide 🌟 \$15,000*

Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota

*Raising the Presence & Power of
BIPOC Family Voices in
Early Childhood Advocacy
Statewide 🌟 \$15,000*

First Children's Finance

*Facilitating Advocacy for BIPOC
Childcare Providers
Statewide 🌟 \$10,000*

Ignite Afterschool

*Partnership, Education & Advocacy
Statewide 🌟 \$10,000*

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

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

Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting

*Advocacy Program
Statewide 🌟 \$10,000*

People Serving People

*Early Childhood Advocacy with
Families Experiencing Homelessness
Statewide 🌟 \$10,000*

Start Early Funders Coalition

*Early Childhood Advocacy
Statewide 🌟 \$25,000*

Think Small

*Advocacy Training Early Childhood
Professional & Parents
Statewide 🌟 \$15,000*

Project Highlight: First Children's Finance

"We are thrilled to have this support from SAF to facilitate connections between policymakers and BIPOC child care business owners. Our BIPOC clients have told us that they often feel talked about rather than engaged by those in power, and this training and coaching has helped them build confidence in their ability to advocate for not only their interests as business owners, but on behalf of the families and children who need their services." Suzanne Pearl, Minnesota Director

First Children's Finance (FCF) is a national Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that provides financial and business assistance to high-quality childcare businesses serving low and moderate-income families. SAF funded a new initiative to support BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) childcare providers in the metro area to build their knowledge and skills related to advocacy and public policy. Participants are from FCF's "Community Conversation" program, which helps BIPOC providers navigate barriers to business ownership

and access to capital, including Covid-19 related supports. As part of Community Conversations, participants are eligible to apply for forgivable loans, in the amount of \$5,000 for family providers and \$20,000 for child care centers. Participants in the advocacy program received coaching and training on how to approach conversations with legislators and help to set up those conversations. The first cohort included metro area providers and future cohorts are planned to include childcare providers from greater Minnesota as well.

Childcare businesses, particularly those run by BIPOC providers, have always struggled but conditions have been especially difficult during Covid-19. Many providers go into this work out of a concern for children and often don't have a business background. These cohorts allow providers access to business assistance as well as peer support and address their desire to understand and impact policy around state and federal funding available to support their businesses.

Episcopal Community Grants

Project Highlight: Circle of the Beloved

Project: Episcopal Service Corps in Minnesota
Amount granted: \$1,000

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 nonprofit organizations. The fellows come from all walks of life and various faith and family backgrounds to spend a year living and serving together. The youth ministry worked with organizations such as the Northside Achievement Zone and Liberty Community Church.



Project Highlight: Messiah Episcopal Church

Project: Karen Youth Program
Amount granted: \$1,000

Messiah Episcopal Church worked to integrate Karen refugee youth more fully into the church's youth program and youth activities. Sheltering Arms supported their 2021 youth mission trip to Camp Crossroads where youth participated in a week of service projects and relationship building.



Project Highlight: St. John's Episcopal Mission and University Episcopal Community

Project: College and Cultural Trip for Native Youth
Amount granted: \$1,000

The University Episcopal Community in Minneapolis and St. John's Episcopal Mission in Onigum collaborated to create a trip for Native youth from White Earth Nation to deepen their relationships with each other, learn about higher education and experience urban Native culture. Seven youth visited the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College and explored the American Indian Studies departments and student groups. They also experienced the scared sites tour facilitated by Rev. Jim Bear, First Nations kitchen, co-founded by Rev. Robert Two Bulls, and enjoyed a Minnesota Twins baseball game.



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Financials

Statement of Financial Position

	Year ended June 30,	
	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 138,124	\$ 255,291
Receivable	-	22,595
Prepaid Expenses	3,189	3,176
Total Current Assets	\$ 141,313	\$ 281,062
Furniture and Equipment, Net	\$ 7,394	\$ 9,242
Investments	12,664,854	15,839,790
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	1,565,574	1,898,101
Total Other Assets	\$ 14,237,822	\$ 17,747,133
Total Assets	\$ 14,379,135	\$ 18,028,195
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Unpaid Grant Commitments	\$ 453,000	\$ 514,000
Accrued Expenses	1,732	3,954
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 454,732	\$ 517,954
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 12,358,829	\$ 15,612,140
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	1,565,574	1,898,101
Total Net Assets	\$ 13,924,403	\$ 17,510,241
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 14,379,135	\$ 18,028,195

Statement of Activities

	Year ended June 30,	
	2022	2021
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		
Revenue and Support		
Investment Return, Net	\$ (2,426,382)	\$ 3,563,499
Contributions and Other Income	57,289	49,568
Forgiveness of Note Payable (PPP)	-	45,900
Total Revenue	\$ (2,369,093)	\$ 3,658,967
Expenses		
Program		
Grants Awarded, Net of Refunds and Revisions	\$ 488,000	\$ 529,000
Advocacy and Grants Management	223,779	204,767
Total Program Expenses	\$ 711,779	\$ 733,767
Management and General	166,045	166,621
Fund Development	6,394	4,888
Total Expenses	\$ 884,218	\$ 905,276
Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ (3,253,311)	\$ 2,753,691
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		
Revenue		
Net Increase in Value of Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	\$ (332,527)	\$ 267,778
Net Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$ (332,527)	\$ 267,778
Change in Net Assets	\$ (3,585,838)	\$ (690,122)

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