



The
**Sheltering
Arms**
Foundation

Keeping the
FOCUS on kids

2022-2023 Annual Report

Our Mission

The Sheltering Arms Foundation's mission is to invest in the lives of Minnesota's children so that they 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 Vision

The Sheltering Arms Foundation envisions a Minnesota that is a vibrant, thriving state where the opportunity gap for children is closed and all children have high-quality lives, including broad and equitable access to the following:

- childcare and early childhood education
- high-quality out-of-school time (OST) programming
- mental, physical, social, emotional, and intellectual wellbeing
- supportive opportunities for families and communities.





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Dear friends of Sheltering Arms,

This past fiscal year has been one of celebrations. We celebrated a \$2B investment in Minnesota's children and families from the state legislature. We also celebrated our retiring executive director, Denise Mayotte, for her passion, her advocacy, and 20 years of service to the foundation.

We provided \$488,000 in grants to 48 organizations. Those organizations include 43 direct service nonprofit organizations, two collective impact partners and three grants to support work on behalf of children and families within the Episcopal faith community.

Each year during the months of September and October we have the privilege of meeting 1:1 with our grantees to discuss their grant program. Some of what we heard our nonprofit partners are struggling with include:

- Constant program realignment to recover from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic
- A shortage of proper mental health therapies for children and youth
- Navigating workforce challenges

What we also heard is that our grant partners adapt, thrive, and remain resilient. Sheltering Arms commends their hard work and dedication to working with the most vulnerable children during these difficult days.

We also celebrate our new executive director Diane Grossman. She has been with the organization for

22 years and allows us a seamless transition into a new era of leadership. This year we will create a new strategic framework and identify new possibilities within our grantmaking and advocacy efforts while remaining steadfast in our commitment to close the opportunity gap for Black, Indigenous, and children of color.

Lastly, we are extremely grateful to our donors who believe in and support our mission.

Thank you for your continuing involvement. We hope you read on for grantee stories and details on this year's legislative wins for children!

Sincerely,



Diane Grossman
Executive Director



Cecily Cutshall
Board President, 2022-2023



FOCUS: Early Childhood

THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Four Directions Multicultural Therapeutic
Preschool

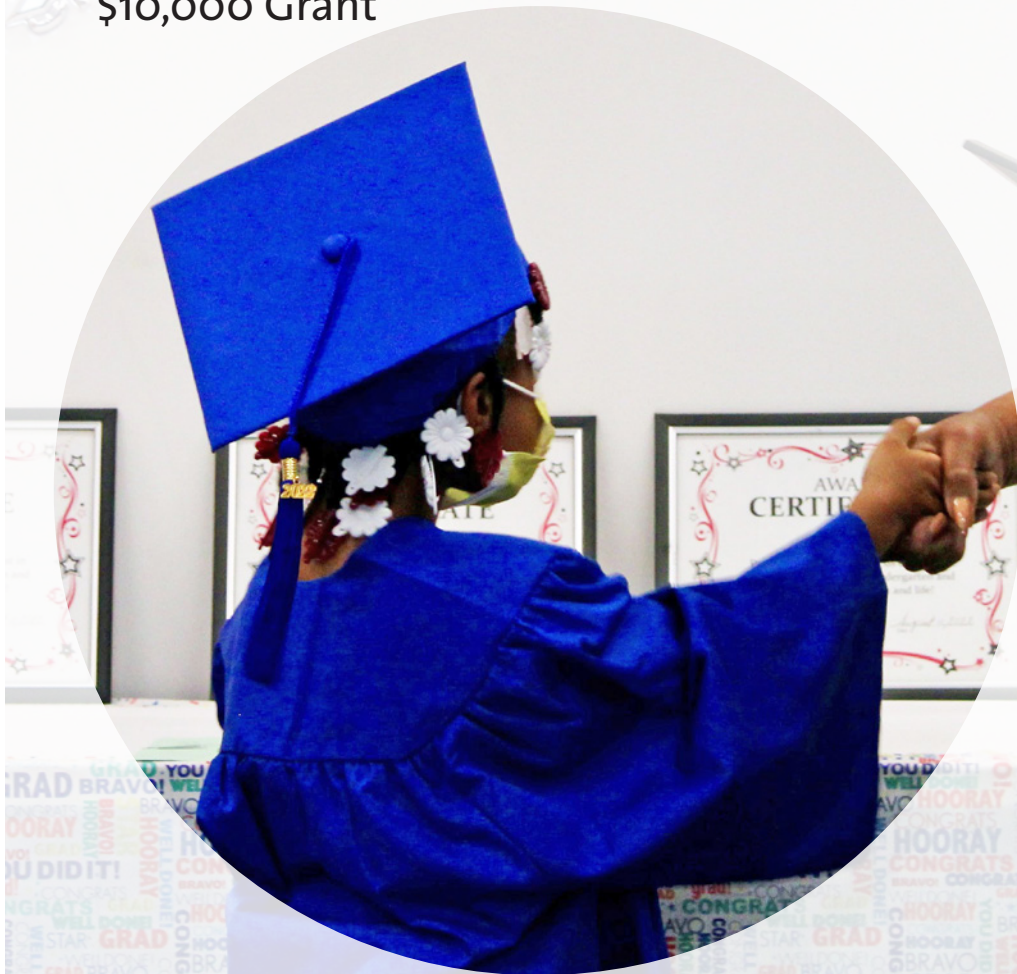
\$10,000 Grant

The Family Partnership (TFP) is a 145-year-old social service agency in the metro area that serves families who have experienced deep poverty and trauma. The agency uses a custom, two-generation approach that focuses on helping children develop executive function, work that SAF has supported in the past.

Last year, TFP opened its new headquarters in South Minneapolis. Included in the new building is a therapeutic preschool called Four Directions. The preschool offers Dakota and Ojibwe immersion services to meet the needs of the mostly Native families served. The new facility allows Four Directions to care for infants, toddlers, and those in need of developmental therapies (speech, physical, and occupational therapies). It also allows the preschool to be co-located with TFP's mental health services allowing more children and their families to be served. Four Directions is a NAEYC-accredited, 4-Star Parent Aware rated program.

The Family Partnership has worked hard through the pandemic to open its new headquarters and this culturally based preschool is an important addition to the community. Four Directions was just chosen to be part of a 10-member pre-school cohort in the United Way's 80x3 Initiative focusing on trauma informed services in preschool, another plus for this strong program!

For more information, visit:
<https://www.thefamilypartnership.org/>



Grants



BABY'S SPACE

*Healing Our Children, Healing
Ourselves*

Minneapolis | \$12,500

CENTRO TYRONE GUZMAN

*Mi Pequeno Mundo: Montessori-
based Home Visiting Program*

Minneapolis | \$15,000

THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY

Early Bridges

Minneapolis | \$10,000

THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

*Multicultural Therapeutic
Preschool*

Minneapolis | \$10,000

HALLIE Q BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER

Early Learning Center
St. Paul | \$12,500

JOYCE PRESCHOOL

Home Visiting Program
Minneapolis | \$8,000

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MINNESOTA

*Families Together Therapeutic
Preschool*

St. Paul | \$15,000

MORNING GLORY MONTESSORI

*Blacks, Believers & the
Montessori Way*

Minneapolis | \$10,000

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

*Parent and Early Childhood
Family Home Visits*
St. Paul | \$7,500

PERSPECTIVES

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

RELATE, INC.

*Early Childhood Mental Health
Care Collaboration with Dakota
County Head Start*
7-County Metro Area | \$10,000

SERVE MINNESOTA

*Reading Corp in Licensed Family
Child Care*
Minneapolis | \$11,500

ST. DAVID'S CENTER FOR CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

*Family Place Care Readiness &
Engagement Pilot*
Minneapolis | \$12,500

WALKER WEST MUSIC ACADEMY

Early Childhood Music Program
Twin Cities Metro | \$10,000

WAY TO GROW

Family Engagement
Twin Cities Metro | \$7,500

WAYSIDE HOUSE

*Culturally Specific Children's
Mental Health Services*
7-county Metro | \$10,000

AMHERST WILDER FOUNDATION

Family Program Coordination
St. Paul | \$10,000

FOCUS: Youth Development

ILLUSION THEATER AND SCHOOL, INC.

Fostering Social-Emotional Skills and Academic Preparedness via Theater

\$13,000 Grant

Illusion Theater, one of the oldest artist-founded theaters in the Twin Cities, has been leading educational residencies ever since it launched a play addressing sexual abuse of children in 1978, and it continues to center educational programming in everything it does.

Sheltering Arms supports Illusion Theater's performance residency called *Keepin' It Real*, which focuses on issues such as bullying, sexting, peer pressure and drug use. The theatrical program gives participants a real-life voice to real-life situations in a facilitated conversation with their peers. The residency focuses on 5th and 6th graders and a curriculum for 3rd and 4th graders is being piloted.



Illusion is currently partnering with three urban schools and two rural schools in greater Minnesota. At each school, the students form a Student Advisory Committee and work with Illusion Theater teaching artists to help identify the most critical issues they face.

This creative and proven Illusion Theater program brings support and opportunity to younger students, which is important in an era where children are being impacted by these issues earlier in their young lives.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.illusiontheater.org/keepin-it-real>

Grants

**AMERICAN INDIAN
COMMUNITY HOUSING
ORGANIZATION**

*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 | \$7,500

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF
ROCHESTER**

Triple Play: Mind, Body, and Soul
Rochester | \$5,000

**COMMONBOND
COMMUNITIES**

Study Buddies
St. Paul | \$7,500

createMPLS

Coding, Robotics & Design
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**DULUTH COMMUNITY
SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE**

*Myers-Wilkins Wolf Den
Program*
Duluth | \$12,500

EMMA NORTON SERVICES

*Trauma Informed Care
Focused Learning*
St. Paul | \$12,500

**FRED WELLS TENNIS &
EDUCATION, INC.**

*TennisWORKS Youth
Development*
Twin Cities Metro | \$8,000

**FRIENDSHIP ACADEMY OF
THE ARTS**

Freedom School
Minneapolis | \$10,000

**GREATER TWIN CITIES YOUTH
SYMPHONY**

Harmony Program
St. Paul | \$7,500

**HISPANIC OUTREACH OF
GOODHUE COUNTY**

*Youth & Family Summer
Program*
Red Wing | \$10,000

**HOSPITALITY HOUSE YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT**

Read to Succeed Book Club
Minneapolis | \$7,000

**ILLUSION THEATER AND
SCHOOL, INC.**

*SEL & Academic Preparedness
via Theater*
Metro & Greater MN | \$13,000

**INTERFAITH ACTION OF
GREATER SAINT PAUL**

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

**LIBERTY COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

21st Century Academy
Minneapolis | \$15,000

MENTOR NORTH

Community-based Mentoring
Duluth | \$7,500

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN
YOUTH CENTER**

Bright Futures
Minneapolis | \$10,000

PROJECT FRIENDSHIP

CARES Program
Northfield | \$7,500

READING PARTNERS

SEL & Family Engagement
Twin Cities Metro | \$7,500



FOCUS: Episcopal Community Grants

MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Karen Youth Program

\$1,000 Grant

Messiah Episcopal Church continued their effort in ministry to Karen immigrant children, which includes mentoring, tutoring and teaching in a multi-cultural setting. Sheltering Arms supported the purchase of the Jesus Storybook Bible and the NLT Illustrated Study Bible to encourage children in their Christian growth.

ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Kids HOPE

\$1,000 Grant

St. John in the Wilderness' church community provided adult mentors to children in the White Bear Lake area schools. Kids Hope USA is focused on providing help through a mentoring program that works with at-risk children to build self-confidence and improve educational performance.



“Well-fed children
are healthier
and better able
to function in
school.”

Rev. Julie Luna



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Family Assistance Ministry

\$1,000 Grant

In collaboration with Vue Farm, VEAP, Rise & Shine, and St. John's and Epiphany Episcopal Churches, St. Nicholas expanded their Food Share program, a local, neighbor-centered, volunteer-led mutual aid effort. Included in this initiative was the crucial need for school supplies as children returned to the classroom. With this expansion, they were able to reach more community members, especially children.

FOCUS: Advocacy

MN COALITION FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING

\$10,000 Grant

The Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting advocates for the following:

- to secure statewide funding for family home visiting programs and services
- to increase political support for home visiting as a core early childhood service
- to collaborate and improve the quality of home visiting services

In the most recent legislative session, the Coalition successfully lobbied for a \$6 million increase to home visiting funds with a \$4 million increase ongoing. Increasing flexibility in the types of state funded home visiting programs is a necessity that was highlighted during the pandemic, when many home visiting programs had to work remotely with clients or find innovative ways to engage families.

The Coalition represents a diverse group of practitioners and leaders of family home visiting programs, services, and systems.

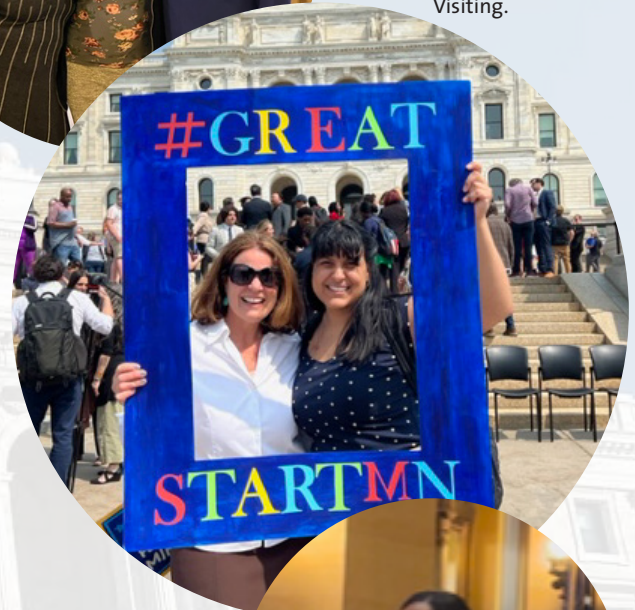
This includes home visiting programs that use evidence-based, promising practice programs and education-focused programs. Sheltering Arms supports the Coalition to provide expertise to partners and other coalitions who have adopted its legislative platform, especially Minnesota's Prenatal-3 Coalition and the Start Early Funders Coalition.

The best time to prevent achievement/opportunity gaps for children is ages prenatal to three. Increased access to home visiting at this very crucial stage gives vulnerable families a valuable head start. There are many children, especially in greater Minnesota, who need these services and can't access them for lack of funding.

To learn more, visit
www.mnfamilyhomevisiting.org



LEFT: Kathy Filbert, LaSherion McDonald and Tamiko Ralston, the St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health team, offer family home visiting.



BELOW: Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn and Cati Gómez support the legislative activities of the MN Coalition for Family Home Visiting.



ABOVE: LeSherion McDonald, a public health nurse from St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health, shared her story of when she received home visiting as an adolescent parent.

Grants

CHILD CARE AWARE OF MN

*Transforming the Early
Childhood Workforce*
Statewide | \$10,000

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

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 for
Early Childhood
Professional & Parents*
Statewide | \$10,000



FOCUS:

2023 Legislative Session

A Big Win for Children & Families in Minnesota

The Sheltering Arms Foundation has chosen to focus on advocacy for children as an important addition to our direct service grantmaking. By advocacy, we mean influencing public policy and larger systems affecting children and families and the non-profits that assist them. Our advocacy work is focused on issues affecting early childhood and after-school programs, and we are a proponent of looking at the continuum of issues that affect children as they grow and develop.

Through the hard work of our advocacy grantees and coalition partners (Start Early Funders Coalition and Ignite Afterschool), this past legislative session proved historic in its funding for children and families of Minnesota with a total investment of over \$2 billion/biennium.



Increased Access to High Quality Early Care & Education

New funding for child care and early learning programs including early learning scholarships and child care assistance.



Family Finance & State Innovation

Development of a permanent child tax credit, estimated to cut child poverty in MN by one-third.



Early Care & Education Professionals and the Workforce

Creation of child care retention payments and transition payments providing direct funds to child care and early learning programs.



Community Wellness & Mental Health Supports

Additional funding for ParentChild+ and targeted home visiting programs as well as the creation of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment and a Community Solutions Fund grant program.



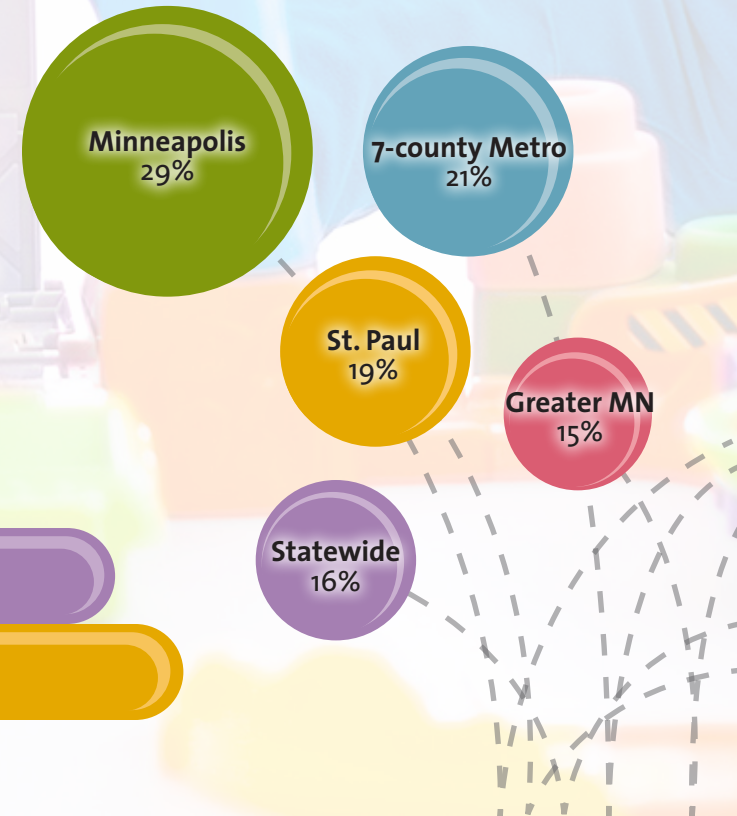
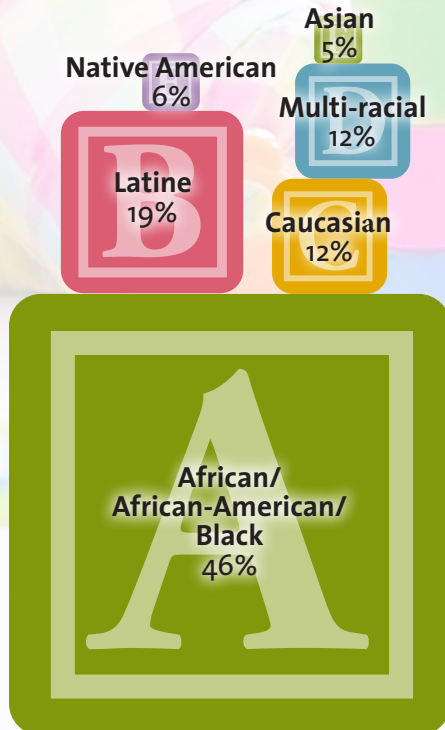
Afterschool Community Learning Program

Additional dollars provide opportunities for young people by funding competitive grants to afterschool and summer learning programs.

For more information on the SAF's legislative priorities, visit <https://www.sheltering-arms.org/legislative-agenda/>



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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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Financials

Statement of Activities

REVENUE

Investments, net	\$1,412,543
Beneficial trusts, net	(\$6,473)
Contributions	\$52,894
Miscellaneous	\$18
Loss on disposal of assets	(\$1,117)
Total Revenue	\$1,457,865

EXPENSES

Program Expense (Grants & Advocacy)	\$830,821
Management & General	\$189,888
Fundraising	\$7,104
Total Expenses	\$1,027,813

TOTAL CHANGE	\$430,052
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Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Cash	\$114,452
Investments	\$13,219,227
Beneficial Trusts	\$1,559,101
Other Assets	\$7,887
Total Assets	\$14,900,667

LIABILITIES

Grant Commitments	\$544,000
Other Liabilities	\$2,212
Total Liabilities	\$546,212

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$12,795,354
Other	\$1,559,101
Total Net Assets	\$14,354,455

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$14,900,667
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