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The Sheltering Arms Foundation Names New Trustees and Board President

***New trustees join from Minneapolis, St. Paul;
Heidi Kim of Minneapolis elected president***

MINNEAPOLIS, September 30, 2025 — The Sheltering Arms Foundation is pleased to announce that three women leaders have joined its board of trustees. The 2025-2026 class of trustees includes **Katherine Madsen of St. Paul, Elizabeth Olson of Minneapolis, and Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer of St. Paul**. The foundation's newly elected board president for fiscal year 2025-2026 is **Heidi J. Kim** of Minneapolis, who serves on the Episcopal Church executive council and is a consultant specializing in organizational development, including leadership development, facilitation and training, conflict transformation, and hiring and onboarding.

The new additions bring the Sheltering Arms' board roster to 13 trustees. Trustees, who serve up to three three-year terms, are women members of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota who volunteer their time and expertise to guide the foundation. Board members are selected for their diverse skills, backgrounds and experiences, and represent congregations throughout Minnesota. They are responsible for being the fiduciary and strategic leaders of the organization.

“The opportunity to continue to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Sheltering Arms Foundation is both gratifying and humbling,” said new board president Heidi J. Kim, who has an A.B. in American civilization from Brown University and an M.A. in sociology from UCLA. She has served on Sheltering Arms' board since 2020. “We have three new outstanding trustees, and as we enter Diane Grossman's third year as Executive Director, we are poised to make an even larger impact to serve vulnerable children in Minnesota. We have made great strides in implementing all the elements of our Strategic Framework, and with the current group of trustees and Diane as our inestimable leader, it should be an incredible year!”

Katherine Madsen, resident of St. Paul and member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, served as deputy to the General Convention in 2024 and volunteer youth leader, Sunday school teacher, and head of the altar guild. Previously while in university, she also served as president of the Women's Law Student Association and was a committee member of Pi Beta Phi (Nebraska Gamma). She earned a B.A. in political science and philosophy from Creighton University, and an M.A. in public policy and leadership and a JD from the University of St. Thomas. She is currently staff attorney for MNsure in the Privacy Office. Previously, she was an

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attorney for Walsh & Gaertner in St. Paul; director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry and ministry leader at St. John the Evangelist; and law clerk at Fraser in Minneapolis.

Elizabeth Olson, resident of Minneapolis and member of St. John's Episcopal Church, has served as board member at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, Women Winning, and the American Swedish Institute. She earned a B.A. from Oberlin College, double-majoring in English literature and economics, and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School with concentrations in finance and public policy. She is currently chief financial officer of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Previously, she was CFO of CaringBridge, vice president of finance and controller of Volunteers of American of Minnesota and Wisconsin, CFO of Grassroots Solutions, and a consultant with Jeffrey Slocum & Associates.

Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer, resident of St. Paul and member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, has served on her church's vestry and as a youth mentor. She has also volunteered for the Cub Scouts, local school, and her neighborhood's National Night Out. She earned a B.A. in history from Macalester College in St. Paul and has completed coursework for a master's in planning from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. She currently works as an environmental review manager for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Previously, she worked in environmental review for the Minnesota Department of Commerce and Minnesota Planning and as an environmental consultant for HDR Engineering.

The new trustees and board president assume their positions as 57 nonprofit organizations supported by Sheltering Arms' 2025-2026 grants work to meet the needs of at-risk children. The foundation is investing \$546,000 this year in programs that serve Minnesota's most vulnerable children – focusing on direct service programs in early childhood and out-of-school-time youth development, as well as statewide advocacy campaigns designed to improve Minnesota's policies that impact children and their families. Areas served by the 57 Sheltering Arms grantees include Aurora, Babbitt, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Chisholm, Cimarron, Deer River, Duluth, Edina, Eveleth, Golden Valley, Grand Rapids, Greenway, International Falls, Keewatin, Landfall, Maplewood, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Moorhead, Mountain Iron, Nashwauk, Northfield, Richfield, Shoreview, St. Cloud, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Stillwater, Virginia, Winona.

About the Sheltering Arms Foundation

The mission of the Sheltering Arms Foundation is to invest in the lives of children and help them reach their full potential. Based in Minneapolis, the foundation funds nonprofit organizations and supports policies that benefit Minnesota children and their families who have the least access to resources. Since its inception as a grantmaking foundation in 1983, the foundation has provided more than 1,530 grants totaling just over \$19.4 million. The next deadline for grant applications is in January 2026. For information about submitting a grant request, volunteering, or donating to the foundation, visit <https://sheltering-arms.org/> or call 612-871-9210 (toll-free: 866-871-9210).

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