

Habitat for Humanity

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity brings people together to create and preserve homeownership in our neighborhoods, to partner with hard-working, low-income families to be successful homeowners, and to inspire action that promotes affordable housing for everyone in our community.

Twin Cities Habitat will serve more than nine hundred families this year by creating and preserving homeownership in the Twin Cities.

We're best known for our [Homeownership](#) program that builds and rehabs simple, quality homes in partnership with low-income families and the community. We sell the homes with affordable, zero percent interest mortgages, making a 30-year commitment to each new homeowner and to the community in which they live.

We also preserve homeownership by helping low-income homeowners repair and maintain their homes through our [A Brush with Kindness](#) program and by assisting families living in the City of Minneapolis who are facing foreclosure or who have fallen behind in their mortgage payments through our [Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention](#) program.

Twin Cities Habitat provides opportunities for thousands of people and organizations to take action in support of affordable housing in the Twin Cities. [Get Involved . . . Volunteer, Donate, Advocate!](#)

United Way

Welcome. United Way believes that poverty is our community's most critical issue, affecting our quality of life today and in the future. In response, we have narrowed our focus to address poverty and its underlying issues.

United Way's [Agenda for Lasting Change](#) is a 10-point plan that creates pathways out of poverty for the most vulnerable in our community.

We **stabilize** people in crisis by providing food, shelter and other essential services.

We **strengthen** families for future success by focusing on education, income and health.

We **streamline** systems and solutions and find new ways of doing things.

Here's just some of what we are working on right now:

Co-sponsoring [United Front](#)--a convening of local leaders from across the community to discuss the current economic crisis and develop solutions together on March 13.

Monitoring current [community trends](#), identifying gaps in service and coordinating responses through the results of our recent agency survey and data from United Way 2-1-1, our resource and referral line.

Working to ensure working families receive the tax credits they have earned through [Claim It! A Community-wide Partnership](#).

Building capacity at local food shelves so they can feed more people efficiently. [Watch our slideshow](#).

Whether you want to [give](#), [advocate](#) or [volunteer](#), join the movement to Live United and help us create pathways out of poverty.

Mission:

Uniting caring people to build pathways out of poverty, creating opportunity for all.

Vision:

To be a recognized leader in building a stronger, more self-sufficient region by bringing together the hearts, minds and resources of all our citizens to make a measurable impact on our community's most pressing human service problems.

Walker Art Center

The Walker Art Center, a catalyst for the creative expression of artists and the active engagement of audiences, examines the questions that shape and inspire us as individuals, cultures, and communities.

Formally established in 1927, the Walker Art Center began as the first public art gallery in the Upper Midwest. The museum's focus on modern art began in the 1940s, when a gift from Mrs. Gilbert Walker made possible the acquisition of works by important artists of the day, including sculptures by Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, Alberto Giacometti, and others. During the 1960s, the Walker organized increasingly ambitious exhibitions that circulated to museums in the United States and abroad. The permanent collection expanded to reflect crucial examples of contemporary artistic developments; concurrently, performing arts, film, and education programs grew proportionately and gained their own national prominence throughout the next three decades. Today, the Walker is recognized internationally as a singular model of a multidisciplinary arts organization and as a national leader for its innovative approaches to audience engagement.

Adjacent to the Walker is the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, one of the nation's largest urban sculpture parks. When the Garden opened in 1988, it was immediately heralded by the New York Times as "the finest new outdoor space in the country for displaying sculpture." The Garden's centerpiece and most popular work is Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen's Spoonbridge and Cherry (1985-1988), which has become a beloved symbol of the Twin Cities. The Garden has demonstrated extraordinary appeal in the community, and is a vital force for bringing new visitors inside the Walker and building new audiences for contemporary art. More than 15,000 people attended the Walker's Rock the Garden concert and 15th-Anniversary celebration in June 2003.

Opened in April 2005, the new Walker Art Center, nearly double in size, includes increased indoor and outdoor facilities, allowing us to share more of our resources--from objects in the permanent collection to books in our library to an inside view of the artist's own creative process--with our growing audience. Increasingly, this ability to link ideas from different disciplines and art forms is seen as a model for cultural institutions of the future. A key aspect of the design is a "town square," a sequence of spaces that, like the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, draws people for informal conversation, interactive learning, and community programs.

Bolder Options

OUR MISSION

Teaching Youth to Succeed in ALL of Life's Races.

OUR VISION

We are committed to building a community of caring relationships in support of your youth.

PURPOSE

Bolder Options' comprehensive intervention program coordinates family, community, school and government resources in a united effort to **combat truancy and juvenile delinquency**. Our program offers more than just an opportunity for a youth to form a relationship with an adult - it focuses on forming **healthy habits, building confidence, instilling trust, and improving the quality of life for youth and their families.**

IMPACT

The Bolder Options model for youth intervention works. Our program is evaluated for the following outcomes:

1. Youth will learn lifelong healthy habits.
2. Youth will exhibit positive behaviors.
3. Youth will have academic success.
4. Youth will report satisfaction with the program

Boys and Girls Club

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them.

Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow—all while having fun. They are truly The Positive Place For Kids.

A Boys & Girls Club Provides:

- A safe place to learn and grow
- Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals
- Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences
- Hope and opportunity

A Safe Place for Kids

Every day more than 1000 boys and girls in the Twin Cities flash their membership cards to come into a safe haven where they are accepted for who they are, encouraged to do their best, and leave knowing they are valued and understood. Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club. All are critical in exerting positive impact on the life of a child.

Dedicated Youth Facility

The Boys & Girls Club is a place—an actual neighborhood-based building—designed solely for youth programs and activities.

Open Daily

The Club is open every day, after school and on weekends, when kids have free time and need positive, productive outlets.

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

We're growing a state of equality for women and girls statewide — and with it, stronger communities and a stronger Minnesota.

Growing equality for women and girls takes vision, resources and hard work, as well as strong partnerships with grantees, supporters and volunteers. We know that investing in women and girls makes a difference for all people and makes Minnesota a better place to live.

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota funds and builds the capacity of innovative programs. We conduct valuable research and use it to inform our grant making, educate opinion shapers and policymakers, and raise public awareness.

We measure social change with specific indicators for tracking progress, and we promote women's philanthropy and provide our donors with important training and tools to help shape a just society.

Together, we're moving equality to the finish line.