



HOW THIS WORKS.

For more than 30 years, Community Shares of Minnesota has represented a different kind of approach to creating a vibrant community. Our work not only allows you to have an impact locally with the groups we fund, but we also provide opportunities to volunteer with the very groups you support.

When you give to Community Shares, you may choose to fund the entire movement we represent, the groups that resonate with you the most, or even other nonprofits of your choosing.

NEVER WATERED DOWN.

There are two ways we ensure that your donation has the greatest impact. First, we carefully choose and monitor the member groups that receive our support. As criteria for support, these organizations need to continue to make a measurable positive change in our communities.

Second, only 10% of giving goes towards administration. That's low for our industry, and far lower than if these member groups were soliciting donations on their own.

It's no surprise that we emphasize effective member groups and efficient management of resources. This critical work needs every advantage it can get. Because charity is good. But change is better.

HOW FAR YOUR DOLLARS GO.

Per pay period, here's the impact you can have within the community around us:

\$50 pays for an in-depth investigative report on a critical issue impacting the disability community. *Access Press*

\$20 provides 60 youth job seekers with a meal at workshops where they build their resumes, practice interviewing and upgrade their computer skills. *HNC*

\$20 distributes 20 ageism videos/DVDs to organizations and groups to show their constituents to raise awareness and educate them about ageism. *Twin Cities Gray Panthers*

\$10 builds innovative new programming that informs and educates the public about how U.S. policies impact Latin-America and the Latino community. *Resource Center of the Americas*

\$10 trains 15 volunteers to facilitate support groups for victim/survivors of sexual assault. *Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault*

\$5 provides 9 Youth Mentors in the Young Women's Mentoring Program with financial management and leadership training. *YouthCARE*

\$5 buys supplies needed to low-income youth to develop a Science Fair project. *MIGIZI*

\$3 removes a lead paint hazard on two windows or pays for two energy audits. *Rondo Community Land Trust*

\$2 provides a low-income youth one month of after-school media arts training focused on service-learning projects to benefit the community as a whole. *Asian Media Access*

IT TAKES GUTS TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.



Consider this: anyone can feed the poor—how about reducing poverty in the first place?

The hard things—things like ending poverty, reducing violence, building affordable housing, providing healthcare, fighting discrimination, winning peace and meeting urgent needs—is what Community Shares of Minnesota does every day through our member groups.

We solve issues at the roots, rather than just treating the symptoms.

To make permanent changes of these sorts takes staying power and a large base of support. This is why we need your help today. A few dollars every paycheck are able to create a world that is equitable for everyone. Your support infuses all of our communities with the ingredients necessary to allow them to thrive.

Join us in this gutsy work.



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A FOCUS ON TODAY'S HOT ISSUES.

We select, connect, train and support organizations who produce measurable impact in their communities by creatively solving issues at the core—issues such as:

Safe and Affordable HOUSING

A shortage of quality affordable housing is one issue our member groups are tackling. We are also working on issues of sustainability, healthy homes and energy efficiency.

Access to HEALTHCARE

While healthcare costs are on all of our minds, it's often the poorer among us who have few or no choices, and end up sicker. Our member groups are working across populations of seniors, people of color, immigrants and those with mental illness to strengthen this critical piece of well-being.

Uniting COMMUNITIES

Whether they are neighborhood associations, media organizations or cause related groups, we fund the gathering of people and ideas that are making our communities stronger.

Quality EDUCATION

Minnesota is known for the strength and quality of its educational systems. Our members address inequalities in funding, early childhood education and achievement gaps between groups.

Promoting HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights touch many of the areas in which we work, but we also fund some groups on the forefront of justice for everyone, regardless of sex, race, sexual orientation or disability.

MEMBER GROUPS OF COMMUNITY SHARES



You'll see in the list that follows that many of our member groups work across issue areas. Because of this, your donation helps fund a larger community-wide movement that goes beyond a single idea—an approach that is unique to how Community Shares works.

To find out more about each organization or ways you can volunteer, visit:

CommunitySharesMN.org.

	Safe & Affordable Housing	Access to Healthcare	Uniting Communities	Quality Education	Promoting Human Rights
Access Press	*	*	*		*
Advocating Change Together, Inc.					*
All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC)	*				
Alley Communications			*		
Asian Media Access	*	*	*	*	*
Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities					*
City of Lakes Community Land Trust	*				
Early Childhood Resource and Training Center			*	*	
Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc			*		
Energy CENTS Coalition	*				
Family Tree Clinic		*		*	
Friends for a Non-Violent World			*		*
Hawthorne Neighborhood Council	*				
Headwaters Foundation for Justice	*	*	*	*	*
HOME Line	*				
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre			*	*	
ISAIAH	*	*	*		*
Jewish Community Action	*		*		*
KFAI, Fresh Air Radio			*		*
Lexington-Hamline Community Council			*		
MIGIZI Communications Inc.				*	
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault		*	*		*
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women			*		*
Minnesota Tenants Union	*		*		*
Minnesota Women's Consortium					*
Missing Children Minnesota				*	*
National Alliance on Mental Illness of MN (NAMI-MN)		*			*
National Federation of the Blind					*
Older Women's League of Minnesota (OWL)	*	*	*		*
PFund Foundation	*	*	*	*	*
PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays)					*
Pro-Choice Resources		*			*
Quatrefoil Library				*	
Resource Center of the Americas			*		*
Rondo Community Land Trust	*				
Southside Family Charter School				*	
Sustainable Resources Center	*				
The Twin Cities Gray Panthers		*	*		*
West Bank Community Development Corp	*		*		
West Side Community Health Services		*			
Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)				*	*
Youth Farm and Market Project			*	*	
YouthCARE			*	*	*

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Increased Campaign Participation

Community Shares is committed to providing the highest quality customer service to its donors, workplace giving partners and the organizations receiving designated gifts. As a result, we are excited to be increasing the number of worksites that include us in their annual giving campaign and look forward to providing choice in giving to more workplace donors.

Improved Donor Services & Stewardship

In collaboration with other Community Shares USA affiliates, we are developing an online giving tool for our workplace campaigns. This will allow donors to make their pledges electronically, increasing our operational efficiency and requiring fewer resources to get donor contributions to their designated organizations. We are also increasing efforts to engage our donors in community events and volunteer projects with our member groups.

Associate members

You may designate funds to our associate members, Headwaters Foundation for Justice and PFund Foundation—funders who provide grants to other Minnesota organizations and individuals making important contributions to leveling the playing field. Associate member groups must be designated on your giving form; they are not funded by a general donation to Community Shares.

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