A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone once said, “There is a major ingredient missing from our perception of how changes are brought about; that ingredient is power.” For almost 40 years, we have united non-profits in the fight for social justice. We currently support over 50 local organizations devoted to creating a fair, just, and equitable Minnesota. Together, we stand as a powerful force of change.

In 2014, we welcomed 10 new organizations as part of acquiring United Arts Fund. The new addition diversified our methods for change and increased our presence in workplace-based philanthropy. This year, we grew again, welcoming 14 new organizations including Planned Parenthood, the Animal Humane Society, and CAIR Minnesota. With each addition, we move closer to dismantling racism, establishing equal opportunities, and achieving peace.

Since 1978, we have raised over $21.5 million and impacted thousands state-wide. I have seen our members actively working to address difficult issues related to healthcare, human rights, housing, education, and uniting communities. In 2016, impact took shape in a variety of ways:

- Supplementing transportation resources for victims of torture
- Empowering adults with disabilities to express themselves
- Teaching incarcerated Minnesotans to lead nonviolent lives

As 2016 ends, we feel energized by the hard work of our members, the stability of our organization, and new tech efficiencies. Looking to 2017 and beyond, we envision increased community engagement, improvements to online giving, and stronger relationships with our members and workplaces.

Thank you to our devoted members, volunteers in the community, and donors for helping us work towards a better Minnesota. We are looking forward to much more in 2017!
“Being a member of Community Shares reminds us that we are not alone in this work, that there are so many other organizations that share missions working toward social justice, and that there are thousands of people pulling together to support that work.”

—Corrie Zoll, Executive Director
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
ONE SLOGAN

ONE MISSION

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS UNITED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

42
Community Shares
Organizations

14
United Arts
Affiliates

CREATING POSITIVE CHANGES FOR YEARS TO COME BY

Supporting collective action
to eliminate the root causes of inequality

Connecting donors
with a meaningful opportunity to invest in social justice

Empowering nonprofits
in the creation of a better Minnesota community

“One Charity is good,
Change is better”

Working towards a fair,
just, and equitable MN.
BOARD MEMBERS

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“Being a member of Community Shares makes it easy for more people to support Planned Parenthood—which in turn enables us to serve more people and have an even greater impact for our community. The funds we raise through Community Shares directly serve those most in need in your community.”

—Heather Haynes, Senior Director
Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD
Meet Lilah, a 2016 Camp Sunrise Junior Counselor (right). Lilah began with YouthCARE as a YouthLEAD participant at McDonough Townhomes during the 2014-15 school year. She attended camp for one week during the summer of 2015. Lilah stayed involved with the organization and eventually became a Junior Counselor. The Junior Counselor Program employs eight youth from diverse ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds to live and work at Camp Sunrise. Following her summer at camp, Lilah reflected, “I’ve never been so happy, and open-minded as I am today. You don’t just learn about how to be a future counselor, you learn about others and who they are as well.”

$20/pay period covers the cost for a youth to attend Camp Sunrise. The camp is free to all Twin Cities youth, ages 13-18.

After a recent performance at Regions Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, the Production Manager wrote, “At the end of the show (one of the actors) shared with the group that he too had been where the men were now and they can and will get through it, one day at a time. There was a guy who I didn’t notice much during the show, but at the end he leapt to his feet clapping with a huge smile on his face... One of the audience members said to me, ‘Don’t worry, I told all the guys they couldn’t miss this. I KNEW it was gonna be good and I was right. I love everything I’ve seen you guys do and soon I’ll be seeing you under different circumstances.’”

$10/pay period funds a series of 3 workshops in playwriting for incarcerated women at Shakopee Correctional Facility.
$21.5 MILLION TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED THROUGH OUR WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

Since 1978

MEMBER IMPACT: HOME LINE CONFRONTS HOUSING ISSUES

- 7.1K assisted in landlord foreclosure
- 13.4K evictions prevented
- 51K educated on renter rights
- 185K families served
- 44M$ money recovered to tenants

Areas of Impact

1. Uniting Communities
2. Human Rights
3. Housing
4. Healthcare
5. Education
“Being a member of Community Shares helps us create opportunities and encouragement for under-represented voices to be heard. Youth, incarcerated women, older adults, sick kids, and persons with disabilities have greater access to high-quality creative art-making. Working together, we impact more people to create better lives and better communities by unleashing creativity.”

—Dawne Brown White, COMPAS
The 2016 year proved financially successful for Community Shares of Minnesota. Expenditures decreased by $79,997 while revenue increased by $29,783, resulting in an increase to net assets.
“Being a member of Community Shares has been a great support in our effort to build stability and sustainability as a small arts for social change non-profit. Being connected to a web of community organizations making a collective impact through so many diverse methods is an honor and a privilege.”

—Trisha O’Keefe, Executive Director

Echoes for Peace Choir

THANKS
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AFSCME Council #5
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Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
Ameriprise
Amherst H Wilder Foundation
Anoka County
Asian Media Access
Augsburg College
Bank Cherokee
Bremer Banks
Better Business Bureau of Minnesota, Inc.
Can Do Canines
Center for Victims of Torture
City of Bloomington
City of Edina
City of Golden Valley
City of Lakes Community Land Trust
City of St. Paul
Community Shares of Minnesota Staff
Dakota County
Energy CENTS Coalition
Family Tree Clinic
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Hamline University
Hawthorne Neighborhood Council
HealthPartners
Hennepin County
Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC)
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
Jewish Community Action
Kennedy & Graven Chartered
KFAI Radio, 90.3 FM & 106.7 FM
League of Minnesota Cities
Linden Hills Co-op
Macalester College
Mahoney Ulbrich Christiansen & Russ P.A.
McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb
Metropolitan Council
Meyer Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.
Minneapolis Public Schools
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Women's Consortium
Missing Children Minnesota
Mounds View Public Schools
National Federation of the Blind Minnesota
North American Council on Adoptable Children
Northern Lights Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
PFLAG Saint Paul
PFund Foundation
Pohlad Family Companies
Project 515 Education Campaign
Project for Pride in Living (PPL)
Prudential Insurance Company of America
Public Radio International Inc
Quatrefoil Library
Ramsey County
Robbinsdale Area Schools
Rondo Community Land Trust
Roseville Area Schools
Saint Paul Port Authority
Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
Saint Paul Public Schools
Saint Paul Public Schools
Seward Co-op
Southside Family Charter School
St. Catherine University
State of Minnesota
Stinson Leonard Street
Sunrise Community Banks
The Saint Paul Foundation
Thomson Reuters
Three Rivers Park District
Travelers
UCare Minnesota
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota-Duluth
University of Minnesota Physicians
University of St. Thomas
Venture Bank
Voices For Racial Justice
Walker Art Center
Washington County
Wells Fargo & Company
West Bank Community Development Corp
Western Bank
Hamline Mitchell College of Law
Winthrop & Weinstine P.A
Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)
Youth Farm
YouthCARE
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