Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation
A Big Thank You for Their Support

Hope Community thanks Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation for their deep commitment to the Phillips neighborhood and for their generous support of our 30th Anniversary celebration. Our partnership with Thrivent has helped to revitalize our neighborhood over the past 30 years.

We were honored to work with the staff of Thrivent leading up to and during the event: Elizabeth Anderson, Director of Community Relations; David Jones, Community Grants Program Manager; and Tara Morrison, Director of Communications with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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Young Black party attendee shows off her face art.

Performers and art organizations: Pablo T. Mychael Rambo, Francie Kof; Betsey Cottman & Kevin Sarge, Shag Cafe, Mexico Linda, Hott Stoppers, Open Eye Figurine Theatre, Somali Group and Northern Clay Center.

Volunteers: AmeriCorps Alumni, Single Volunteers of the Twin cities, St. Thomas Workforce, University of St. Thomas students and Employment Action Center’s Young Dads Program.

Special thanks to Beverly’s BBQ for the food.

And others: Rudolph’s BBQ. Go Fresh, Franklin Senior Bakery, Linda’s Garden Center and Greenhouse and many many more volunteers and supporters.

We are grateful.

I think you need to say something about Faegre and Benson. Are they sponsors?

The Wellstone’s Groundbreaking Ceremony
Wednesday, October 17 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 P.M.

Join Us!

We will break ground on Wednesday, October 17 for the third phase of the Franklin Portland Gateway Project, The Wellstone, a Minnesota Green Communities award winner for energy efficient and healthy housing features.

Located at the northeast corner of the Franklin Portland intersections, The Wellstone will feature 49 mixed income units, commercial space for a neighborhood restaurant and additional community space for Hope’s programs. The Franklin Portland Gateway is a joint project with Aeon, formerly Central Community Housing Trust.

Please celebrate with us from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for refreshments, a brief program and groundbreaking ceremony.

Community leaders attending will be Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Commission Tim Marx, Minnesota Housing, and Aeon leaders. Mayor Rybak and Tim Marx will break ground on the project.

We ask everyone to dress casually for the event.

Contact Susan Marchalk at 612-425-1823 or susan@hope-community.org if you plan to attend.

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 8, Portland Avenue from Franklin to 22nd Street was transformed into a drawing board, and a street party was about to start.

September 8, Portland Avenue was filled with community members, food and almost 2000 people. It was our 30th Anniversary celebration on the block at the center of Hope’s history. The big red house—the original St. Joseph House that began Hope in 1977—is on the block, as are many other Hope affordable rentals. And at the end of the block is the Franklin Portland Gateway where there will be 250 units of new housing.

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MISSION
Hope Community is a catalyst for change, growth and safety. We are building a sustainable neighborhood model through community organization, active education, leadership and affordable housing development.

VISION
Hope Community will be a nationally recognized model for urban community transformation in the areas of community engagement, neighborhood redevelopment and affordable housing.

The vision will be accomplished by partnering with other agencies, organizations and individuals:

To provide opportunities for youth and adults to build personal and collective power through community-based learning, leadership training, organizing, and community building.

To revitalize communities where current residents are not displaced, but are primary partners in building diverse, mixed-income neighborhoods.

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Hope Community’s 30th Anniversary Block Party

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Long-time supporters and volunteers of Hope, Gen Anderson, Mary Gibbs and Dawn Knuts

Francis Kofi performs against the Minneapolis skyline.

“I got corn!” St. Joseph’s House in the background.

“Taste family of The Jourdain.”

Photo: Catherine Golden

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