



Our 40th year delivers a new Executive Director and a new Teen Tech Center!

Year End 2017





40 Years Strong

On March 10th, 1977, Hope Community—then known as St. Joseph’s House—opened its doors for the first time at Portland and Franklin Avenues in the Phillips Community just south of downtown Minneapolis. Over the past 40 years, a cast of thousands (to borrow a phrase from our dear founder Char Madigan) has played a part in shaping this organization and community. In the spring of 2017, Hope began our 40th Anniversary Year with an Executive Director transition and a celebration of Hope’s legacy of leadership. As we prepare to move into 2018, we are ever so grateful to all of you who have participated in and supported this community—please be on the lookout for an invitation in the spring of 2018 to an Anniversary Year wrap-up celebration where we will share some of the many stories, faces and places that have made Hope what it is today.



“What I love is that people take care of each other. There is respect here.”

— Glenda Eldridge, Community Gardener



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“I want to show people in the world they can be anything they want. It doesn’t matter what culture, what background you come from, what kind of parent you have. It’s about you—what do you want to give to the world... In the mural, I put my message up there.”

—Nimo Mohamed, Farm Fellow



Learning and Leadership work—a Teen Technology Center!



As a Best Buy Teen Technology Center site, sponsored by Best Buy in partnership with The Clubhouse Network (TCN), we’ll be able to involve at least 200 teenagers each year in activities to build STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills and develop pathways for future careers.

Teen Tech Centers provide an interactive space for teens from underserved communities such as Phillips to learn, explore and create with an array of technology, such as coding, 3D design and printing, multi-media production, web development and much more. The Clubhouse Network—headquartered at the Museum of Science, Boston, with support from the MIT Media Lab—employs a learning approach designed to empower youth from all backgrounds to become more capable, creative, and confident learners, and to engage young people who have been alienated by traditional educa-

tional approaches. Youth work in small groups with adult mentors to explore their ideas, develop new skills, and build confidence through the use of technology. Clubhouse activities simultaneously build STEM knowledge and leadership skills, and are a great fit for Hope’s approach with youth in which we surround youth with people who believe in their potential to learn, create and lead. Hope will part of a network of over 100 community-based Clubhouses around the world to provide a creative, safe, and free out-of-school learning environment and tech-inspired, do-it-yourself innovation activities.

We’ve been busy all summer and fall renovating a portion of our community space here at Hope’s headquarters in the Children’s Village Center and are so thrilled to launch this new hub of opportunity as we head into 2018!



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