“As someone who used Hope’s services as a child, it is incredible to see how they’ve grown... 40 years later, there is this amazing Hope Community solving real issues, real needs, real problems. They chose to be a part of that solution. And, I am eternally grateful for that.”

—Chico Rowland, Early St. Joseph’s House resident
Dear Friends,

Over the past year, we have celebrated Hope Community’s 40th anniversary with many of you. We’ve spent the year reflecting on how far we’ve come since 1977. We also recognize how the foundations of our work remain the same today and into the future.

Just as when it was known as St. Joseph’s House, Hope Community has always been about building power spaces—both literally and figuratively. The housing and other physical spaces we’ve created are foundational to our radical vision to create an alternative to gentrification in the neighborhood. Hope’s programs and engagement strategies build power among individuals and groups to improve individual lives, make positive changes in the community, and challenge systems that perpetuate oppression and inequity.

In this unique moment, we also reflect on how Hope’s power spaces are rooted in the hard work of people—particularly strong women—who refused to be satisfied with the status quo. We are an organization that has been uniquely led by women.

Each year there are more of us—youth, immigrants, refugees, and other diverse people—to build on what has come before. One of the most exciting things about celebrating our 40th anniversary is the knowledge that we can do so much more together in the decades to come.

We are grateful for everyone who has played a role in this journey. We need you today, just as we have always needed you. Thank you for supporting Hope Community.

Sincerely,

Shannon Smith Jones    Heidi Lasley Barajas
Executive Director    Board Chair
Creating space for people to thrive

People come to Hope Community to experience community, and inevitably their lives are changed by what they do here. People have the opportunity to live in safe quality housing that fits their budget, learn new skills, and develop new relationships. When they recognize something in the community that needs to change, they take the initiative to make that happen. At Hope, we make space for all those opportunities, and more.
"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."

—Nimo Mohammed, Farm Fellow & Program Leader

How we support strong people and families:

Creating and maintaining affordable housing*: 750 residents live in safe, healthy buildings

Engaging community: 1,100 people participate in Hope programs annually

Building financial stability**: 1,000 people received tax assistance at Hope that returned $2 million to the community

Developing entrepreneurs***: 15 people learned about entrepreneurship and completed a business plan

*including The South Quarter properties, owned in partnership with Aeon
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Making powerful connections for change

Forty years ago, our leaders had fewer opportunities to wield their power for change in the Phillips Community. Hope Community has cultivated a space to activate and utilize this untapped power. Power has always been here, living in individuals and growing in relationships. Across places and programs, Hope Community is creating opportunities to spark lasting connections that support a thriving community.
How we elevate community power:

Offering gathering spaces: **7,500 square feet** of community gardens, an immigrant-owned daycare, a neighborhood market, a community center and safe playgrounds

Supporting youth literacy: **120 kids** build reading confidence and social/emotional skills

Empowering teens: **30 youth** develop self-identity, leadership, and technology skills

Growing and eating healthy foods: **388 people** grow fresh, local food and connect around culture, cooking and tradition

Using art and culture to advance systems change: **855 people** organize for systems change and create public art

“Community is contagious, and it’s the antidote to despair and isolation. It gives Hope.”

—Char Madigan,
Founder of Hope Community
Shaping invisible spaces

Systems are those invisible spaces that affect our lives even when we can’t see them. They are the policies, practices, investments, and decisions that often result in power imbalances and resource disparities in low-wealth communities. Hope Community works with people to identify those invisible systems and take collective action to ensure they further community goals. Our systems change work begins in the neighborhood, and what happens here benefits people well beyond the confines of the neighborhood.
How we change the world:

Supporting the leaders of the future: **164 people** completed our intensive SPEAC community organizing and racial equity training program over the past 11 years. These leaders are working for systems change in Minneapolis and beyonds.

Working for more equitable parks: **175 Hope-trained leaders** around Minneapolis are working for racial equity in the city parks system and influencing priorities for park investments.

Strengthening the local food economy: **388 community members** are expanding local food access and developing community capacity to grow their own food.

Developing safer streets: **8,000 people** joined us for Open Streets to call attention to the need for a safe, walkable, and livable Franklin Avenue.

“**The answers to the problems that we’re facing are not going to come from Washington, they’re not going to come from anyone but the people who show up, and show up at a local level.**”

—Jake Virden, Lead Organizer of the Parks & Power Campaign
Hope Community Board, Staff and Interns

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Hope recognizes the deep commitment of talented people who contributed to our work in 2017 and the partnerships that connected us to them.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Support and Revenue:
- Individuals $335,428
- Foundations and Corporations 1,545,622
- Grants from Governmental Agencies 80,173
- In-Kind Contributions 105,826
- Rental Income 423,623
- Other Revenue 233,337
- Total Support and Revenue $2,724,009

Expense:
- Personnel Costs 1,111,734
- Contracted Services 238,321
- Professional Fees 96,518
- Professional Development 27,165
- General Supplies 73,230
- Communications 47,514
- Insurance 39,558
- Program - Other Costs 222,493
- Rental Properties 423,298
- Space Rental Expense 25,620
- Loans Interest 133,831
- Depreciation and Amortization 249,060
- Total Expense 2,688,342

Change in Net Assets 35,667

Net Assets and Equity - Beginning of Year $6,324,735

Net Assets and Equity - End of Year $6,360,402

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017

ASSETS
- Cash $935,387
- Grants and Other Receivables 311,821
- Due from Related Entities 96,050
- Prepaid Expenses 15,052
- Investments 671,908
- Notes Receivable 3,130,395
- Property and Equipment, Net 3,304,212
- Construction in Progress 139,133
- Other Assets 121,141
- Total Assets $8,725,099

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AND EQUITY

Liabilities:
- Notes Payable $29,837
- Accounts Payable 181,961
- Accrued Liabilities 91,793
- Deposits Held for Others 53,092
- Long-Term Debt 2,008,014
- Total Liabilities 2,364,698

Net Assets and Equity:
- Unrestricted 5,780,850
- Temporarily Restricted 473,552
- Permanently Restricted 106,000
- Total Net Assets and Equity 6,360,402

Total Liabilities and Net Assets and Equity $8,725,099
Volunteers and in-kind donations

A dedicated team of Hope staff and 120 volunteers are part of a continuum of opportunities that keep people engaged, inspired and rooted in community. We honor the contributions and impact Hope’s volunteers have had on our success this year. In 2017, our volunteers’ work totaled 3399 hours.

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Core Values

Respect. We believe in people. We relate to youth and adults as people, not clients.

Connection. We build relationships, the cornerstone of all our work.

Listening. We listen to all who engage with us. The realities we hear drive our planning and activities.

Co-creation. We encourage people to co-create projects, programs, places, opportunities—with us.

Equity. We pursue racial and economic equity in all our work to achieve equitable power, access, opportunities, treatment, impacts and outcomes for all.

Stewardship. We are responsible and accountable stewards of the natural, human, material and community resources invested in our work.

Mission

Hope Community creates connections that strengthen the power of community members and communities. We cultivate community leaders, build community capacity, care for the housing and community spaces we develop, and pursue equity and diversity in all we do.
Thank you!