

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 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 Fraternal Communications with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

All of the staff and board members of Hope Community extend a heartfelt thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation for their commitment to this neighborhood and to our work.



Thrivent Financial Foundation staff celebrate with Hope and the community.

Hope Community extends a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped to make our Anniversary Event a community celebration.



Young block party attendee shows off her face art.

Performers and art organizations: Pablo, T. Mychael Rambo, Francis Kofi, Beverly Cottman & Kenna Sarge, Sha Cage, Mexico Lindo, Hott Steppers, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Somali Group and Northern Clay Center.

Volunteers: AmeriCorps Alums, Single Volunteers of the Twin cities, St. Joseph's Workers, University of St. Thomas students and Employment Action Center's Young Dad's Program.

Special thanks to Beverly's BBQ for the food.

And others: Ruldolph's BBQ, Go Fresh, Franklin Street Bakery, Linder's Garden Center and Greenhouse and many many more volunteers and supporters.

We are grateful.

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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 intersection, 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, Tom Fulton, Family Housing Fund, and a representative from Wellstone Action.

Contact Susan Marschalk at 612-435-1823 or susan@hope-community.org if you plan to attend.

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



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Thirty Years of Hope Our Party Celebrating the Diversity, Strengths and Possibility in this Community

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 8, Portland Avenue from Franklin to 22nd Street, normally filled with cars, was filled with music, 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's 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 a total of 225 units of new housing. (Phase III is about to start.)

But September 8th was about people, about community, about coming together. Many who had their roots in St. Joseph House were there, as were tenants in Hope's

We celebrated the diversity, strengths and possibility in this community. We are ready for another 30 years.

Everyone ate chicken, corn and potato salad. Kids made books in one tent and pottery in the Northern Clay booth.



Members of the community gather to watch the Hope main stage.

They played soccer and basketball and helped paint a mural. People of all ages played chess. Kids had their faces painted and watched a production from the Open Eye Puppet Theatre. In one tent hosted by Hope Board members, there were pictures from Hope's past and present and an opportunity to write about Hope's future. Volunteers from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation helped celebrate at the event they supported.

Giving energy through the whole party were—Native American drummers, African drummers, singers and dancers from African American, Somali and Latino cultures. T. Mychael Rambo was our high energy master of ceremonies and sang a song

he wrote for the occasion. Young people active at Hope premiered documentaries they have been working on (one featuring Char Madigan, Hope's founder) and ended the day with their Hip Hop talent.

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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;

to identify, develop and redevelop affordable housing and related public spaces that promote and nurture community relationships.



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Hope Community's 30th Anniversary Block Party



Young Dancers in the Hot Steppers.

Photo: Catherine Golden



Kids play chess in front of The Jourdain, Phase II of the Franklin Portland Gateway*



Folkloric Dance, Mexico Lindo perform.



Long time supporters and volunteers of Hope, Gen Anderson, Mary Gibbs and Claire Keefe



"I got corn!" St. Joseph's House in the background.



Master of Ceremony T. Mychael Rambo, well-known Twin Cities actor, vocalist, musician and educator.



Francis Kofi performs against the Minneapolis skyline.



Tenant family of The Jourdain.*



Hope Youth Leaders, Tommy Vasquez and Shelley Martin in front of The Children's Village Center, Phase I of Franklin Portland Gateway*



Young woman makes art at the ClayMobile.

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* Partnership with Central Community Housing Trust