# Hope Community



### **ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

### No One Can Do It Alone

No one can work alone and get much done. Partnerships, connections, collaborative efforts are the lifeblood of Hope Community's work. Our primary partnership is with the people of this community. Hope's mission emerged from our extensive community connections.

Our daily, on-the-ground work develops in partnership with kids, adults and families—with those who live in homes at Hope and many others from the surrounding community. In the past several years, over 2000 people have been involved with Hope's community dialogues that help shape our work.

This report documents the many ways hundreds of people made a difference for themselves and their community through Hope in 2010. We have also documented over 100 partnerships, connections, and collaborations with other organizations, institutions, and initiatives that bring resources, ideas and capacity so that Hope's work can continue to grow.

One of the inspirations of 2010 was Hope's work with partner Youththrive, a local organization working with an international effort called PeaceJam. PeaceJam's goal is to inspire a new generation of peace makers. Every year Youththrive brings a Nobel Peace Prize winner to the Twin Cities. Last year 800 youth were involved. Hope Community was the site for planning and implementing a day of service. All of Hope's youth programs were involved, and we hosted youth from other organizations who helped plan.

Rigoberta Menchu Tum, the Peace Prize winner in 1992, came to the 2010 conference in Minneapolis and also visited Hope's mural. She told the youth her story about standing up against a violent military government in Guatemala even when she lost her mother, father and brother to violence. "What I treasure most in life is being able to dream. During my most difficult moments and complex situations I have been able to dream of a more beautiful future," she said. She has become widely known, and says she wants to teach young people about those who struggle for a peaceful world and build wisdom throughout their lives.

So many are contributing, learning, connecting, and making a difference through Hope every year. The web of positive change grows stronger every day, but there's much more to do. All of you who contribute financially to our work or volunteer or support Hope in many other ways are our community partners. What's happening because of Hope's work is important to those in this neighborhood—and it's important to everyone throughout the city and region. When more of us are stronger, all of us are stronger. When more of us dream of a peaceful world, we can bring it closer.

Sincerely,

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Mary Keefe Executive Director

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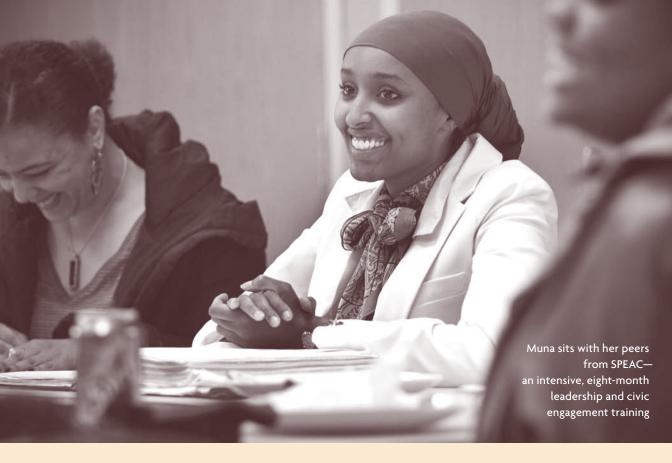
Patricia Cummings Co-chair



**ON THE COVER:** At Hope murals represent a vision that places leadership, the personal and collective voice and community building at the center. The "We Count" mural on the cover was a community-service learning project for a youth peace program called PeaceJam—inspired by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum of Guatemala, pictured with youth.

Artists and organizers for Hope, along with youth, worked together to design, create and develop the mural ideas. In a neighborhood where voter and census turn out is low, the mural illustrates the power of being counted both individually and as a community by showing the faces of real people in the neighborhood and over a hundred handprints of

youth spanning the mural wall. For seven years, Hope has used the mural process to engage youth and build community ownership, develop leadership and artistic skills and foster team-building skills.



**IF YOU ASK MUNA ABDIRAHMAN** where she grew up, she won't say Minneapolis, she'll say, "Hope Community." In 1998, at the age of 10, Muna and her family found Hope when there were only a dozen families living here.

"It was at Hope," Muna says, where she learned the value of community. Muna remembers how nervous her mom was to live at Hope because she spoke little English and they were the only Somali family living on the block. But, "From the start," Muna says, "we felt part of a community."

Hope's after-school program called *KidsTime* gave Muna and her brother a safe place to go to every afternoon. Muna remembers sitting next to her mom and other parents in many neighborhood meetings at Hope. She saw the difference it made—how the neighbor-

hood became safer for everyone—when people worked together. Her mom was one of the first students enrolled in Hope's basic adult education program, created after a group of neighborhood people voiced to Hope their need for ESL classes. It was in Hope's neighborhood meetings, in *KidsTime* and Listening projects where Muna learned the value of community and to this day it has shaped her life.

Now 22 years old, an honors student from the University of Minnesota and working towards a second degree in nursing at St. Catherine University, Muna returned to Hope and graduated from SPEAC, a young adult leadership and civic engagement training. "Before and after SPEAC," Muna says, "Hope has challenged me to be my best, to stand up for what I believe in and be a leader in my community."

She has a vision for improved access to healthcare for everyone. It was Hope, she says, that taught her with a vision anything is possible.

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"I am a product of my community."

—Muna Abdirahman, age 22

Maricela and Juan with their children in their duplex-home on the Hope Block





A single-family home on the Hope Block

National Night Out in Peavey Park, organized by Hope Youth Leaders

## Vision. Listening. Place.





Young girls present their work at a Hope event

"If you have a safe, stable home you can do anything. That's the one big difference that can change people's lives."

-Mercedes, a Hope tenant

"I didn't think anything like this could happen for our children."

—Walter, a Hope parent from Hope's Camp Mentoring & Leadership Program

> The Jourdain Apartments, a 41-unit building developed in partnership with Aeon

Monique and her son at the Hope Camp Family Breakfast Send-Off



# Relationships. Opportunities.

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"It's the whole atmosphere at Hope—where anyone can just walk in and feel treated equally—everybody has their own say, everybody's opinions are heard. It's strongly community-based."

-Brandon, a Hope mentor artist





## Investment. Partnerships.

# Accomplishments

### Making a Difference in People's Lives

### 424 adults and kids lived in Hope's apartmen<mark>t hom</mark>es—n<mark>early</mark> 40<mark>% of</mark> tenants are children.

- Hope tenants reflect the diversity of the neighborhood, representing many racial and cultural backgrounds: African American, Latino, Native American, European American, East and West African, Asian and Hispanic. The median income for tenant families three people or larger is \$17,700—over half of our tenants have incomes below the federal poverty level.
- Adults and families find stability at Hope. Although national data shows that approximately 25% of low-income residents move annually, only 16% of Hope tenants living in our affordable units moved in 2010.

### 500 people participated in a year-round buzz of activity:

• 275 youth learned skills, built community, and expanded positive relationships. Adolescents learned to be leaders focusing on peace and self advocacy; young kids learned to love reading surrounded by a community of parents and volunteers; youth ages 10 to 20 learned skills and became a positive part of their community through murals and music; almost 40 young people went to week-long camp for the first time after several weeks of leadership learning.

The whole is more than the sum of the parts

- New gardeners connected with a master gardener from Land Stewardship Project in the Hope garden; residents worked together for a safe community; over 30 people connected to a bike library partnership with Sibley Bike Depot.
- Adult immigrants learned essential skills through the Minneapolis Public Schools at Hope for the 10th year.
- Our fourth cohort of diverse young adults gave their time, energy and talent to an eight-month leadership leadership/civic engagement training and action; two groups attended 16-week micro-entrepreneur training through a nine-year partnership with Neighborhood Development Center; a new partnership began to plan an economic empowerment program for 2011.
- Events like National Night Out at Peavey Park, and other community celebrations involved hundreds more in a vision for a strong future.





### New Impact in the Community

- A Hope vision led to the Franklin-Portland Gateway, a development partnership with Aeon. The Gateway will include four-story buildings on all four corners of a formerly abandoned intersection located at Franklin and Portland Avenues—a total of 250 units and up to 30,000 square feet of neighborhood-scale commercial businesses—Children's Village Center (2004), The Jourdain (2005) and The Wellstone (2008) have been completed. We are working with our partner to bring together resources to build the final fourth phase.
- A new child care center opened in The Wellstone, one of the Gateway buildings, bringing a critical resource to the neighborhood. They have reached full enrollment and created jobs for neighborhood residents (including 4 Hope tenants).
- Hope has played roles in community initiatives including: Organizing a park planning taskforce with members from across the neighborhood; taking on roles in the Allina Backyard Initiative to improve community health; participating in city planning for Chicago Avenue.
- Hope plays an active role in the Franklin Area Business Association with a staff member currently serving as co-chair. Included in that work is a partnership with the City of Minneapolis' "Great Streets Business District Support Program" to leverage resources for businesses along the Franklin Avenue commercial corridor.

### Partnerships, Connections & Networks

- Hope staff and participants work with a large number of other organizations and institutions in formal and informal partnerships or sitting at collaborative tables. We have extensive connections to other local organizations, universities and colleges, the local business community, top police officials, politicians, and decision makers in local institutions. In 2010, we documented connections with over 100 organizations and institutions, fifteen of those are full partnerships and the layers of involvement extend from there.
- Many connections in this neighborhood bring people to Hope. Neighborhood celebrations, art programs, micro-entrepreneur training, youth employment training, kids literacy, educational tutoring for kids, a garden and food program, access to bikes for community people, camp for kids, and a large book fair are just some examples.

### Stewardship

Hope brings together investment from hundreds of funders and donors, government entities, volunteers and partners. During these economic times, good stewardship is more important than ever. Hope is doing more with less. We've streamlined our administrative costs and continue to develop an approach that builds on multiple levels of resources. Many



community people take on leadership roles. Partners bring talent, energy and resources. We stay close to this diverse community and that helps to make the work we do more effective. In 2010 special projects brought resources to our buildings:

- *Hope's housing is concentrated in the area around Franklin and Portland to create maximum impact.* Hope owns 50 affordable rental units in older buildings and is committed to maintaining healthy homes. In 2010 we secured capital and service funding from the State of Minnesota to bring a \$1.1M investment to Hope's 25-unit building that serves formerly homeless adults, and we completed a \$1.6M renovation project on 16 apartments in six of our our oldest buildings—city, county and state housing agencies funded the project.
- New siding, roof and updated windows at Hope's original shelter, St. Joseph's House, was made possible by a small group of committed donors.
- *Hope volunteers:* Parents, tenants, neighbors, students and friends volunteer their time to Hope. In 2010, over 100 volunteers gave \$248,953 in monetary value to Hope and we are deeply grateful.



A new child care center brings investment to the neighborhood and realizes a vision

**"WHEN WE BEGAN LOOKING** for a space for the Center we thought about location, location, location," says Yusuuf Mohamed, owner of Twin Cities Child Care Center that now occupies the commercial space in The Wellstone building that also houses 49 apartments.

The new Center is a symbol of a neighborhood's rebirth: Fifteen years ago, the block surrounding Hope Community was the last place for a daycare or for an entrepreneur to start a business, violence and crime kept families inside.

From Hope's beginning, children and their families have been at the center of our work. Hope's homes, green gathering spaces,

playgrounds and community centers all emerged from what Hope called the Children's Village Vision that was created in 1999 with the people in the neighborhood. It was "a dream of what a neighborhood can be when children matter."

Over a decade later, with partners like Yusuuf and area residents, Hope has reclaimed a neighborhood. In the morning, the teachers at the Center—four teachers are Hope tenants—like to take the toddlers for a walk around the block. In the afternoon, more kids arrive off the school buses and new energy flows through the Center's classrooms.

Inspired every day by the families of the Center, over half who are Hope tenants, Yusuuf believes more than ever that, "Together, we can help bring life to this neighborhood." At the end of the day Yusuuf says most kids don't want to go home, they love learning and playing with their friends. Over 100 kids are enrolled, ages 6 months to 12 years. Most of the kids are immigrants from Somalia. The Center has connected families who share many barriers that immigrants face, isolation being one of hardest challenges... which is why Yusuuf set out to build more than a day care and why he chose to partner with Hope.

### Hope Community Financials

### Consolidated Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets and Equity

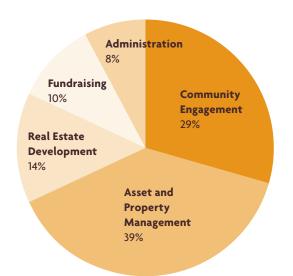
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Individuals Foundations, Corporations and Congregations Restricted Government Grants–Properties Rehab In-Kind Contributions	\$	249,857 653,286 874,081 253,683
Rental Income Real Estate Development Income Other Program Fees and Income		340,738 244,307 187,358
Total Support and Revenue	2	,803,310
EXPENSES		
Personnel Costs Contracted Services		724,739 345,702

Total Expenses	2,078,104
Depreciation and Amortization	250,909
Loans Interest	147,978
Space Rental Expense	95,905
Properties Costs	265,371
Programs–Other Costs	56,425
General Insurance	31,870
Equipment	9,804
Communications	6,000
General Supplies	8,433
Professional Development	9,530
Professional Fees	125,438

#### Change in Net Assets and Equity



### **Consolidated Statement of**

Financial Position

December 31, 2010

#### ASSETS

\$ 697,001
41,036
106,984
114,049
412,542
2,602,285
4,311,869
1,039,592
335,703
\$ 9,661,061

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS AND EQUITY

Liabilities		
Notes Payable	\$ 1,011,326	
Accounts Payable	31,559	
Accrued Liabilities	55,839	
Deposits Held for Others	135,478	
Deferred Revenue	7,500	
Long-Term Debt	2,978,336	
Total Liabilities	4,220,038	
Net Assets and Equity		
Unrestricted	5,354,300	
Temporarily Restricted	29,723	
Permanently Restricted	57,000	
Total Net Assets and Equity	5,441,023	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 9,661,061	

Note: Restricted funding listed above in Support and Revenue is used strictly for Hope's real estate development activities and is not available for general operating and program-related costs. The expenditure of these funds is reflected in Property and Equipment in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

\$ 725,206

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**Tia Williams** SPEAC Member, Hope Community



### FULL-TIME VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Hope recognizes the deep commitment of talented young people who joined our staff this year and the partnerships that connected us to them.

In front (left to right): Sarah Solbrig, St. Joseph Worker; Alondra Espejel, LISC Careership Program participant

Second row: Tia Williams, AmeriCorps VISTA; David Riley, Mankato State University intern

We are grateful to Ronald Jones and Hattie Reed for their contribution to Hope. They joined Hope Community from Senior A.I.D.E.S. (Able, Industrious, Dedicated, Energetic Workers Providing Service).

### Hope Community Volunteers

A dedicated team of Hope staff and over 100 annual volunteers are a 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. With their help, our mission continues to unfold.

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More than 100 volunteers worked together to beautify Hope's rental homes, indoor community spaces and outdoor gathering places:

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### Hope Community Donors

### The Unitarian Universalists Association (UUA)

held their nationwide General Assembly in Minneapolis at the end of June 2010. Hope Community was grateful to be chosen as the local organization to be supported by the UUA. Over 650 individuals representing many states raised \$40,000 for Hope. What an amazing gift—it has truly made a difference.

### \$25,000 or more

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We honor and remember you who are named here, and we ask your blessing on our little patch of Hope.



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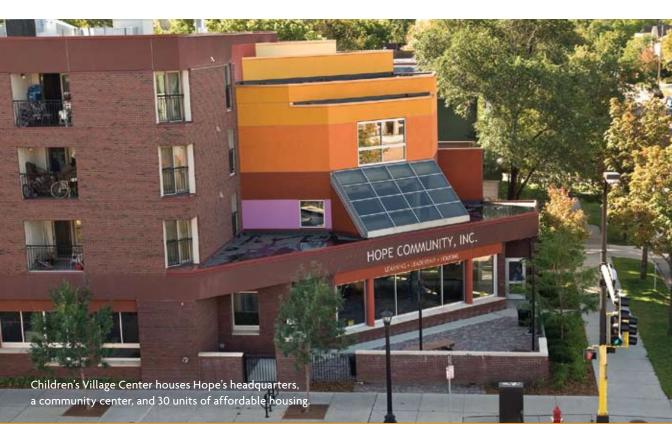
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### Mission

**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.

### **Hope Community**

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