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Solid Ground

Our Mission

To prevent and end homelessness for families with children in the communities we serve through housing, resources and opportunity.

Our Vision

Every family has a safe and affordable place to call home, where parents and children thrive in school, at work and in their community and can achieve their goals and dreams.

Our Values

- Person-Centered
- Equity, Inclusion & Access
- Integrity
- Community





Welcome

Each time a family moves into their new home at Solid Ground, a transformation occurs. Parents unlock the door to a clean, safe, and affordable place to live. They set down the bags that hold all their belongings, and are welcomed with beds, blankets—and everything they need to start their new life. Empty rooms fill with laughter. Sleeping babies have a safe place to rest. Shoulders start to relax, and parents take a deep breath. A family’s new life has begun.

At Solid Ground, 841 adults and children felt that same sense of peace as they transitioned from being homeless to sleeping that first night in their own place, knowing they were home. For over 35 years, this has been our mission at Solid Ground. Through safe, affordable housing and innovative supportive programming, Solid Ground helps families transition to a higher-level of self-sufficiency and break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for the next generation.

The past year brought with it many changes—the transition to a new executive director, a new emphasis on *preventing* homelessness before it starts, and renovations at our East Metro Place facility. As we grow, our proven, holistic approach continues to help families build the strong foundations they need to emerge from homelessness into a brighter future.

We are excited as we continue to grow the vision and mission of Solid Ground, preventing and ending homelessness for the families we serve through housing, resources, and opportunity! Thank you for all you do to make that happen!

Sincerely,

Diamond Hunter Lynnette Becker

Diamond Hunter and Lynnette Becker



Diamond Hunter
Executive Director



Lynnette Becker
Chair of the Board of Directors

Celebrating New Beginnings!

In the summer of 2023 Trisha Kauffman, our executive Director of 26 years, announced her plans to retire in early 2024. After a thoughtful and intensive search, the Board of Solid Ground named Diamond Hunter as its next leader! Diamond, a licensed social worker, joined Solid Ground in February 2022 as the Director of Programs having led the Family & Integrative Services team at Merrick Community Services. Diamond brings an in-depth understanding of the challenges families face, together with a special generational passion for the work of preventing and ending homelessness.

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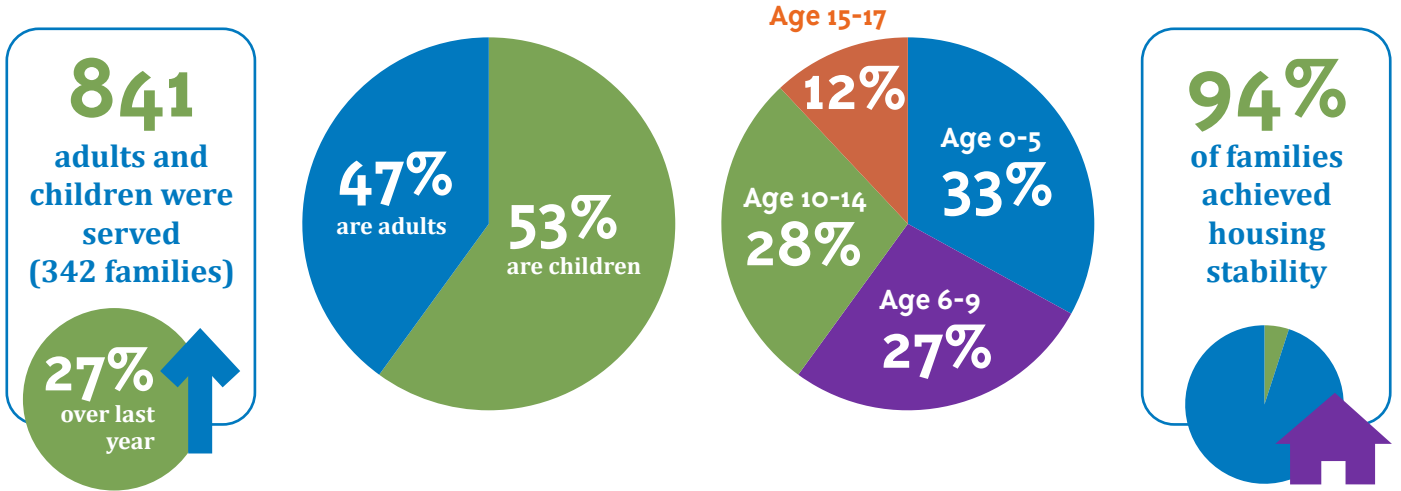


A list of Solid Ground staff is available on our website.

Who We Serve

The majority of individuals we serve are children:

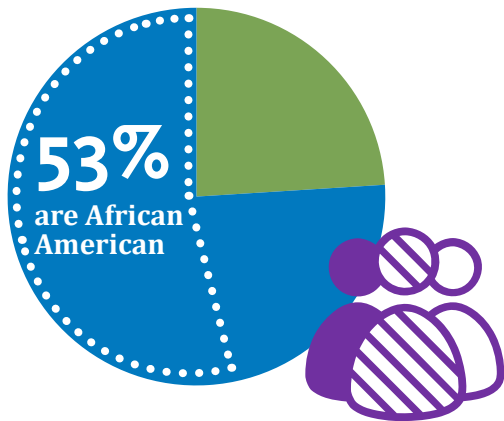
Age



The families we serve are very low-wealth households:

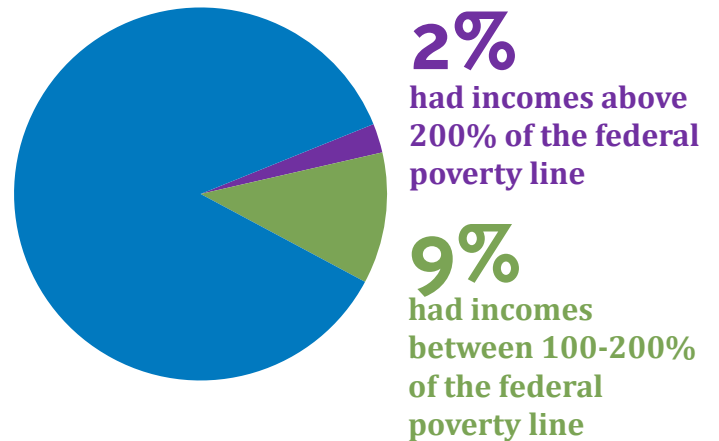
Demographics

66% Identify as Black, Indigenous or Persons of Color



Income

68% of families had incomes below 100% of the federal poverty line



Equity Statement

We hold a value of Equity and Inclusion. We acknowledge systemic racism, classism and other forms of discrimination as primary causes of the affordable housing crisis and homelessness. We work to right these wrongs as a housing and service provider by engaging respectfully with our program participants, our employees and our community.

Solid Ground Programs

Prevention

1-3 months of financial assistance for rental arrears, utilities and/or deposit.

Prevention Assistance	206 households
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Rapid Housing

Scattered-site, shorter term (6-24 months) rental assistance and services.

Homework Starts with Home & Day 1	62 households
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HomeAgain	9 households
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Transitional Housing

Scattered-site or site-based rental assistance and services for up to 36 months. Typically designed for those experiencing domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or youth.

HomeSafe	15 households
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East Metro Place I	22 households
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Permanent Supportive Housing

No time limit; families stay as long as they need. Typically designed for those with disabilities (i.e., mental illness) and histories of chronic homelessness.

East Metro Place II	17 households
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HomeFront	11 households
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Welcome Home Washington*	16 households
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**new program, serves up to 16 families*

Prevention Funding: Investing in our Communities!

Prevention, our fastest growing program at Solid Ground, keeps families in their homes to avoid homelessness in the first place. With funding from the State of Minnesota, we accessed over \$3 million in emergency funding to keep families in Ramsey and Washington County from losing their current housing by providing emergency funds for past due rent, utilities, and assistance paying the first month's rent and deposit.

Scattered Site Housing

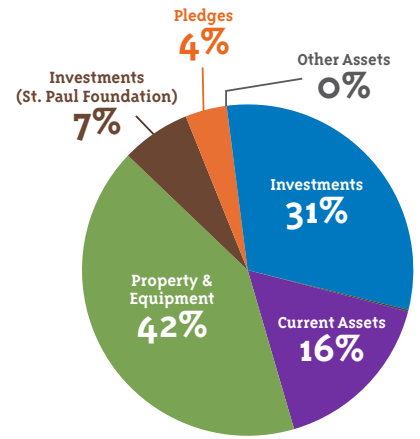
Solid Ground provides housing at scattered site locations for families experiencing homelessness throughout Ramsey and Washington Counties. These families also receive the same individualized wrap-around services as residents of East Metro Place to provide them with the tools and strategies to maintain stable housing.

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

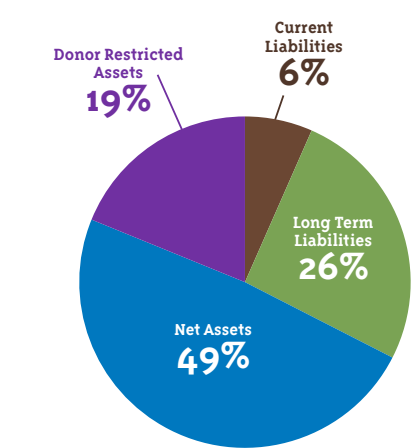
2023

Current Assets	
Current Assets	\$1,385,828
Property & Equipment	\$3,511,362
Investments – beneficial interest in assets held by The Saint Paul Foundation	\$569,156
Pledges receivable, net of current portion, discounts and allowances	\$342,567
Investments	\$2,602,852
Other Assets	\$13,766
Total Assets	\$8,425,531



Liabilities & Net Assets

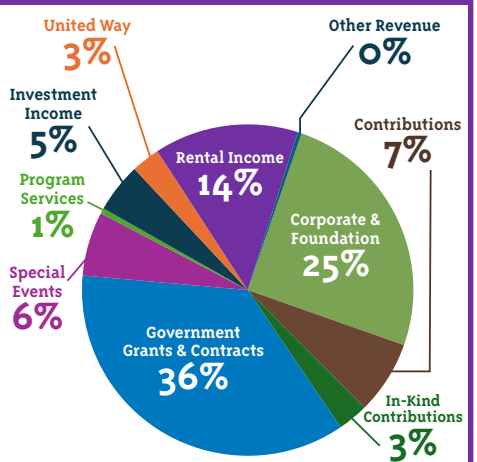
Current Liabilities	\$555,647
Long Term Liabilities	\$2,184,645
Net Assets	\$4,097,758
Donor Restricted Assets	\$1,587,481
Total	\$8,425,531



Statement of Activities

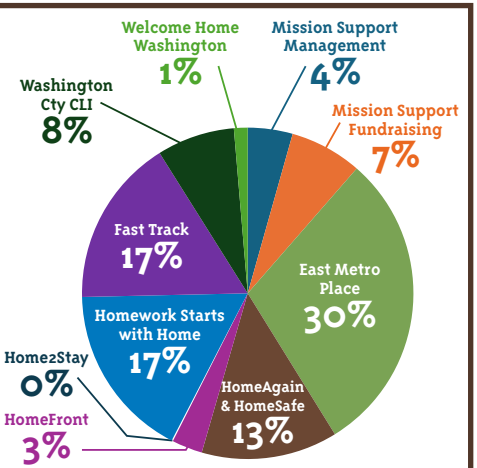
2023

Revenue & Support	
Corporate & Foundation	\$1,190,761
Contributions	\$339,810
United Way	\$140,800
Government Grants & Contracts	\$1,701,532
Special Events	\$296,867
Program Services	\$25,727
Investment Income	\$228,952
In-Kind Contributions	\$132,199
Rental Income	\$667,155
Other Revenue	\$18,350
Total	\$4,742,153



Expenses

Mission Support Management	\$192,096
Mission Support Fundraising	\$309,636
East Metro Place	\$1,306,542
HomeAgain & HomeSafe	\$583,946
HomeFront	\$130,955
Home2Stay	\$5,600
Homework Starts with Home	\$749,163
Fast Track	\$721,235
Washington Cty CLI	\$333,125
Welcome Home Washington	\$58,797
Total	\$4,391,095



Note: Solid Ground's complete audited financial statements and the most recent IRS Form 990 are available on our website.

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YourCause



Homework Starts with Home

Success Story



Solid Ground helped out a lot. They brought me dishware, covers (blankets), offered assistance with rent, electrical. My children are doing way better. Even the teachers they see the improvement. My hope for (my kid's) future is to see what their dad went through to get them on the right path and be better. You can go through anything as long as you have faith and determination."

CHARLES

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East Metro Place II

Success Story

Jimmy, single father of 3, arrived at Solid Ground in January of 2022 with one boy and twin girls. He found employment at FedEx and, after a lot of hard work, he exited our program two years later. His family is now living in their very own brand new apartment in Mahtomedi.



Pictured: Gil, one of our many Mobile Food Market volunteers

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Trisha Kauffman Retires: A Legacy of Service and Relationships

After 26 years as executive director, Trisha Kauffman retired. While meeting Oprah (as part of the *Live Your Best Life Award*) is near the top of memorable moments, what she feels is most significant about Solid Ground's work are the relationships.

"Decent, safe, affordable housing is a basic need for all, but providing it to very low-income households is such a complex issue," she said. "I'm proud that Solid Ground is part of the solution through our partnerships and our relationships with everyone who can be part of the solution, from housing providers to legislators. And most of all, the families themselves."

The poem to the right, given to her as a retirement gift, was created by the children at East Metro Place. We wish her the best in her next chapter. Trisha's legacy lives on, in all the families who found homes and new beginnings through Solid Ground.

Home is everything. Home is where I'm safe and I don't feel sick anymore. Home is getting to be with my mom. Home is where I go to school from and when I come home I get snack bags and hugs.

HOME IS EVERYTHING
 By the children of Solid Ground

Home is where I live, sleep, and have a roof over my head. Home is where I can play with my family and sit at the table and talk with them. Home is where I get to have toys. Home is where I have my own bed and a best friend next door.

Home is where my Mom and Dad make chicken soup for me. Home is where I give my Mom lots of hugs and kisses on the weekends.

Home is where I can sleep in my very own bed with my Teddy Bear. Home is where I sneak food into my room when my Mom's not looking.

Home is where my Mommy makes pancakes for me, my favorite food. Home is where I can sleep in on a Saturday morning. Home is where I can sit on my bean bag and eat cookies.



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 Cindy Kallstrom & William Merrill
 Kappa Alpha Theta
 Kare 11
 Rona Kelly
 Emily Kern
 Keys Cafe in White Bear Lake
 Alexis King
 Martha Kinney
 Sarah Klaas
 Kowalski's Markets Woodbury
 Mike & Laurie Krachmer
 Lakeshore Players Theatre
 Karen & Randy Lee
 Kristi Long
 Melissa & Tom Lorang
 Allison & Nicholas Lucca
 Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Heather Lundberg
 Lunds & Byerlys White Bear Lake
 Lux Family Chiropractic
 Pamela Mangine
 Patty McCoshen
 Medtronic
 Sarah Meek & Eric Swanson
 Susan Menier
 Merchants Capital
 Karna Metzger
 Gary Miller
 Mark & Nancy Miller
 Mindware Corporation
 Alan & Shari Mitchell
 MN Recyclery
 Mode T. Productions
 Moms on the Run Shoreview &
 White Bear Lake
 Romina Montanari
 NBC Golf Now
 Connie Nelson
 Katie Nelson
 North Church - A Presbyterian
 Community
 Rhiannon O'Connor
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 Tenet Solutions
 The Allison Inn & Spa
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 Commerce
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 Society
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 Schools
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 Church
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HomeSafe

Mom Success Stories

- ▶ A single mom and her young son moved into Solid Ground housing in the summer of 2023 through our HomeSafe program. They had been homeless for six years.
- ▶ A mother of two landed a job that significantly increased her income. Her family was able to exit our HomeSafe program just 3 months after she got her job!
- ▶ A young mom was promoted to a manager position and will be exiting Solid Ground's HomeSafe program and paying 100% of her rent.



Tribute Gifts

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Virginia Averill
Thor Heimdahl

Michael Byrd
Peter Berrie
Noah Bly

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Cheryl Schindler
Dawne White
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Guadalupe Lopez
Donna Colburn

Manya
Bonnie Twite

Rocco White
Ali Hogan

Prevention

Success Story



We helped two brothers this past winter with prevention funding. The brothers (one a minor) were at risk of losing their housing and getting their utilities shut off. They had no assistance from their parents, the older brother was working part-time (trying to find full-time employment), and both were going to school full-time. We were able to assist them with their utilities and past due rent to avoid eviction."

ALY, PREVENTION SPECIALIST

Volunteers

Individuals

Brian Adams
Sue Ahlcrona
Julie Ahn
Jeff Anderson
Connie Aram
Jane Bacchus
Carly Bailey
Greg Bartz
Lynnette Becker
Claudia Belisle
John Belisle
Diane Betterley
Kristine Bowditch
Allyson Buck
Cheri Burkum
Michael Byrd
Chris Callahan
Alex Carlson
Cali Carper
Mary Chung
Octavio Chung
Brodini Comedy Magician
Bill Conlin
Pamela Connolly
Carrie Cunningham
Wendy Daniels
Kurohn Davis
Ashley Deutsch
Jacob Deutsch
Renee Dietz
Hannah Diny
Jared Drengson
Laura Drengson
Andy Drummond
Helen Durista
Dennis Erno
Kathy Erno
Ken Galloway
Beth Gehring
Claire Gilbert
Jerry Gilbert
Betty Gladfelter
Mary Goulette
Mary Gove
Angie Gross
Dawn Gunderson
Grace Gunderson
Cora Hankins

Susan Hareland
Gil Hartley
Nancy Higgs
Sybil Hill
Laurie Hodges
Chad Holbrook
Laura Holbrook
Mark Houge
Elinor Jackson
Riley Jankowski
Sarah Johnson
Dan Jones
Deb Jones
Briana Joyner
Cliff Kashtan
Clyde Ketelsen
Tristan Keuning
Jordan Kimlinger
James Knudson
Mike Krachmer
Victoria Lang
Katie Macke
Kathy Mackin
Patti Malzacher
Melissa Martyr-Wagner
Keegan McCormick
Sarah Meek
Susan Menier
Gary Miller
Natalie Miller
Jody Miranda
Greg Moore
Geraldyn Nelson
Stella Newell
Annika Novak
Paulette Olson
Iffy Onyiah
Rena Oswald-Anderson
Chris Otto
Cece Owens
Kenneth Pascutoi
Nancy Pascutoi
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Linda Vukelich
Megan Wilson
Jerry Yanz
Beth Ann Zimmerman

Groups

3M Visiting Wizards
Ameriprise Financial
Beckman Coulter
Bethel University
Calvary Church
Eastside Ministry
First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater
First Presbyterian Church of White Bear Lake
Frassati Catholic Academy
Greater Twin Cities United Way
HealthEquity
Incarnation Lutheran Church
Johnson Family
Kappa Alpha Theta
Maple Grove Quilters
Matt Jonza State Farm
Medtronic
Merchants Capital
Miller Family
MN Recyclery
North Presbyterian Church
Parkview United Church of Christ
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Rice Lake Elementary
Rockpoint Church
Roseville Parks & Rec
Senate District 36 DFL
St Stephen's Lutheran Church
St. Pascal's
Stillwater Youth Hockey
Summer Cleanup Volunteers
Target - Lino Lakes
Washington 4 H Club
White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce
White Bear Lake Area Schools
Early Childhood
White Bear Lake United Methodist Church
Woodbury 4-H Club
Xcel Energy



430
helped Solid
Ground last year...



...a total of
4,229
hours!

THANK YOU
volunteers
for your support
of our mission!



Pictured: Brian, Gary, Jane, and Paulette from Redeemer Lutheran with Dylan from Solid Ground

Volunteer of the Year

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Community Partner

"Thank you so much for thinking of us in this way. We hope to continue to strengthen relationships like this that are making a difference in our community! This is indeed a great honor and a testament to the work we are striving to do in our community – especially those of you who have worked so hard on this partnership. I love it when we make a difference together!"

PASTOR DAN STREEPER

"Redeemer is an absolute powerhouse when it comes to supporting Solid Ground! Over the course of our 18-year partnership, they have been our ongoing supporters by helping recruit volunteers, collect and donate essential household items, and having regular attendance at our annual fundraising events. Over this past year, the church also contributed by helping 23 children celebrate their special day by providing them with a Birthday Bag, building and strengthening our community with a \$3,000 grant to be used for family & youth centered events, and spreading holiday cheer for over 100 adults and children in 22 families by providing the space, setup, and sponsorship for our annual Holiday Party. Their support and our gratitude only continue to grow into 2024, as the church has so graciously offered to host our Summer Camp Youth Tutoring & Enrichment program while our EMP facility is under construction, helping the program (now in it's 7th year) continue to support children's academic success over the summer."

DYLAN MCDONOUGH, FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

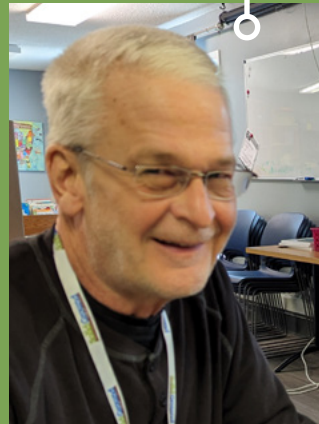
Volunteer of the Year

Ron Simmer, Tutor

"I am honored to be nominated. A friend, a retiree like myself, has been a tutor with Solid Ground for a number of years. When my friend told me he was a tutor it sparked my interest, so I signed up to tutor. I enjoy encouraging and being a small help academically to the student. For me, the reward is in the interactions and the occasional smile."

"Having just joined Solid Ground 2 years ago, Ron has already made a significant impact on the Tutoring program. He has been a calm and consistent presence with the kids that he works with, showing the utmost compassion, patience and flexibility. He has been an incredible resource for support to both staff and fellow volunteers, and is an excellent role model for Solid Ground's youngest participants."

DYLAN MCDONOUGH, FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER



Volunteer of the Year

Sarah Meek, Board

"About 10 years ago, Eric and I were invited by neighbors, Mary Jo Deters and Mark Johnson, to attend the "Every Family Needs A Home" Breakfast in support of Solid Ground. We were moved by the mission and the fact that families were struggling so close to us. We signed up to be part of the Giving Circle and made our initial five year pledge, attending all of the breakfasts and fundraising events since. We got the family involved in sponsoring holiday gifts, too, as we wanted our own family to understand how important it is to help families experiencing homelessness. Then I was approached by Trisha Kauffman, now retired Executive Director, to join Solid Ground's Board of Directors in 2019. I'm now about to serve my 6th and final year on the Board, as well as being a past Board Chair. I'm a strong supporter because Solid Ground understands that safe and stable housing is the foundation for a family with children to thrive!"



Volunteers truly make a difference here at Solid Ground!



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