

Solid Ground

HELPING FAMILIES BUILD **STRONG** FOUNDATIONS

Volunteer News

January 2024



Holiday Express Wraps Up

Thank you to all of the amazing donors, volunteers and supporters that helped bring holiday cheer to our families this season! Because of your support, gifts were provided to 97 adults and 178 children in 70 families within our supportive housing programs. Also for the 4th year in a row, all families that signed up for the Holiday Express were able to receive gifts. A special thanks to those who

provided individual gifts, gift cards and cash donations, that allowed us to provide gifts for 10 families that were unable to sign up in time.

We are so very grateful for the generosity of our donors, volunteers and supporters that help bring holiday cheer to our families each year. Whether you purchased gifts for a family, volunteered to distribute gifts, or made a donation, this could not have been possible if it weren't for you!

Thank you to Donors!

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Getting in the Spirit

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped with our annual Resident Holiday Party December 15th! Over 20 Solid Ground families got in the holiday spirit as they enjoyed an evening of delicious food, holiday music, fun activities, and a visit from someone special 🧑🏻‍🎄

Special thanks to our friends and partners from **Redeemer Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake**, who provided the space, setup & cleanup, and sponsorship for the event! We could not have done it without your incredible support!



Tutors Needed for Spring Session

Our Spring Tutoring semester is set to begin Monday, January 8th, and we are looking for compassionate volunteer Tutors to work 1-on-1 with a K-8 student at least once per week. Times needed are Mondays-Thursdays, 2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, or 4:30-5:30, and Tutors can serve as little as 1 hour per week (though there's no penalty for serving more 😊)

If you or anybody you know are interested in helping out, please

contact Dylan at [651-846-9024](tel:651-846-9024), or DMcDonough@solidgroundmn.org.

Available to K-8 students year-round, Solid Ground's Tutoring program matches students with Tutors to work on homework help, learning enrichment and create lifelong relationships.

Donation Needs

Thank you to all the wonderful donors who provide the essential household items that allow our families to get settled in to their new homes! We heavily rely on donations from the community, and so if you have provided or are interested in providing essential items to support our families, please know that we greatly appreciate your kindness. Our current most needed items are:



[Wastebaskets \(tall & short\)](#) | [Broom & Dustpan Sets](#) | [Microwaves](#) | [Laundry Baskets](#) | [Vacuums](#) | [Mops](#) | [Bakeware](#) | [Knife Sets](#) | [Unopened Cleaning Supplies](#)

If you would like to donate, please contact Dylan at DMcDonough@solidgroundmn.org or 651-846-9024. Thank you for your generous support!



Office Closures

Our offices will be closed **Monday, January 1st** in observance of New Year's Day, and **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Happy New Year!



Join us for a *Home At Last* Tour

Visit us anytime - we welcome any size groups!

[RSVP HERE!](#)

Learn more about Solid Ground and our long history of providing safe, affordable housing and supportive services for families with children.

Join us for conversations with staff, a tour of our permanent supportive housing, and find out how you can engage in the work of preventing and ending homelessness.

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