



Volunteer News

November 2023



The Holiday Express is back! For years Solid Ground has invited the community to share the magic of the holidays with the families we serve. Holiday donors have brought joy to hundreds of children and relief to many parents who might have otherwise struggled to afford gifts. We are excited to invite our supporters back this year to share the holiday spirit!

How it works

Each family at Solid Ground will complete their Wish List of items. Family members will write up to three gifts they would like to receive. As we collect Wish Lists, we match families with community donors who shop to fulfill their Wish Lists. We start matching donors with families today, **November 1st**.

How you can help

Fulfill a Wish List

Purchase gifts for a family by using their personalized Wish List. Bring the gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to Solid Ground by **December 15th** for distribution.

Host a Gift Drive

Help organize gift drives at schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities. Contact Dylan at 651-846-9024 to learn more!

Volunteer

Help receive holiday gift packages from donors at East Metro Place. Assist with unloading donors' vehicles, transporting gifts inside the building, and organizing gift packages. Times needed are **December 11th, 13th, & 15th**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Help distribute gifts from East Metro Place, as well as arrange for delivery to families in our scattered site programs. Times needed are **December 19th & 20th**, 4:00 – 6:30 pm.

Donate

Unable to shop for an entire family? No worries! Solid Ground also welcomes financial [contributions](#) as well as unwrapped gifts, and uses the items and funds that are collected to assemble gift packages for families that were unable to be matched with a donor.

If you would like to learn more about the Holiday Express program or how to contribute, please contact Dylan at 651-846-9024 or DMcDonough@SolidGroundMN.org.

In 2022, Solid Ground, with the support of community donors, provided holiday gifts to 319 adults and children in 82 families. Thank you for helping to make holiday wishes come true for the families we serve!

Resident Holiday Party



We're beyond excited to announce the return of our annual Resident Holiday Party! This year's party will take place **Friday, December 15th**, from **6:00-8:00pm**, at [Redeemer Lutheran Church](#).

We are looking for volunteers to help with this spectacular holiday event. If you are available and would like to help out, please contact Dylan at [651-846-9024](tel:651-846-9024), or DMcDonough@solidgroundmn.org.

Many thanks to our friends and supporters at Redeemer Lutheran Church for allowing us to hold this event for our families!



A Warm Thanks!

Last month we held our 12th annual Winter Coat Shop at Solid Ground! Available to families across all of our programs, this event provides much needed coats, hats, mittens & gloves, snow boots and snowpants at no cost to families who might have otherwise struggled to keep warm during the notoriously cold Minnesota winters.

This year we were able to provide winter essentials to 82 adults and 141 children in 56 families!

We owe many thanks for the continued success of this event to our partners at [Incarnation Lutheran Church](#), [Shoreview/Arden Hills Rotary](#), and the countless individual donors & volunteers who contributed. Thank you to all of our supporters for helping keep our families warm this winter We simply could not do it without your support!



A huge thank you to Solid Ground families, staff, committee, Board, sponsors, donors, and volunteers, including our super amazing auctioneer Rob Thomas, who contributed to make our *Bring It Home* Dinner & Auction a success!

We EXCEEDED our goal, *raising over \$154,000 with donations still rolling in*

Your generous support allows us to continue providing permanent supportive housing and wrap around holistic support at East Metro Place, HomeFront, and through Welcome Home Washington - together we are preventing and ending homelessness

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:

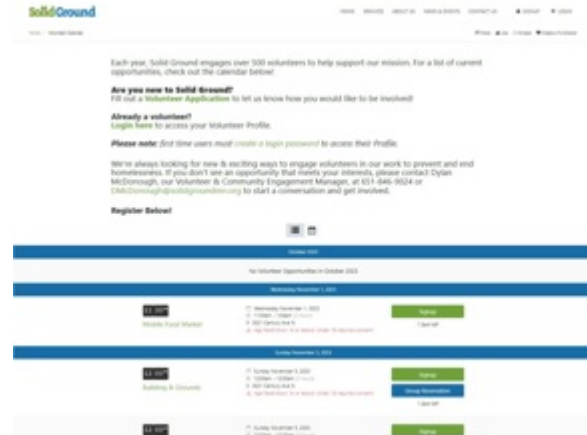


[Wastebaskets \(tall & short\)](#) | [Broom & Dustpan Sets](#) | [Coffee Pots](#) | [Microwaves](#) | [Laundry Baskets](#) | [Vacuums](#) | [Mops](#) | [Bakeware](#) | [Drinking Glasses](#) | [Knife Sets](#)

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

Volunteer Website Up & Running!

Our new [Volunteer Website](#) is officially up and running! Visit this page to see what opportunities are available, view & update your volunteer information, or sign yourself up for an event.



Please note: first time users must [create a login password](#) to access their volunteer Profile.



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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