

Solid Ground

Helping Families Build Strong Foundations

OCTOBER 2023 NEWS

BRING IT *Home* DINNER & AUCTION

We EXCEEDED our goal!!! 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!



Your generosity helped us raise over \$154,000 with donations still rolling in!



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



Thank you to our Encore & Bravo Sponsors!





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Trisha's Transition & Executive Director Search



In August, after 26 years of leading Solid Ground, our Executive Director, Trisha Kauffman, announced her retirement. Trisha's passionate efforts to prevent and end homelessness for families with children have reshaped lives and benefited our community.

Solid Ground is conducting a search for its next Executive Director. The highly engaged Board seeks a dynamic leader, committed to growth and leading the organization to the next level of impact for unhoused families with children.

Please contact [Walt Flynn](#) at W. J. Flynn & Associates, LLC, Phone: 651-287-2370, or Walt.Flynn@wjflynnandassociates.com.

We will be posting more information about Trisha's well-deserved retirement (and party!) in the coming months.



Climb Aboard the Holiday Express!

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!

Here's how it works! Each family at Solid Ground receives a Family Wish List, to which each family member can write up to three gifts they would like to receive. As we receive families' Wish Lists, we match families with community donors who shop for these families to fulfill their Wish Lists. If you would like to sign up to provide gifts for a family at Solid Ground, please complete our [Holiday Express Donor Form](#). We'll start matching donors with families on November 1st.

Unable to shop for an entire family? No worries! Solid Ground also collects [monetary donations](#) 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.

In 2022, Solid Ground, with the support of community donors, was able to provide holiday gifts to 319 adults and children in 82 families.

Gifts and gift packages will be collected now through December 15th.

Thank you for another year of spreading holiday cheer to families at Solid Ground!

Volunteers Needed!



We're bringing back the **Holiday Party** for Solid Ground residents!

If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Dylan at 651-846-9024 or DMcDonough@SolidGroundMN.org.

More details to come...

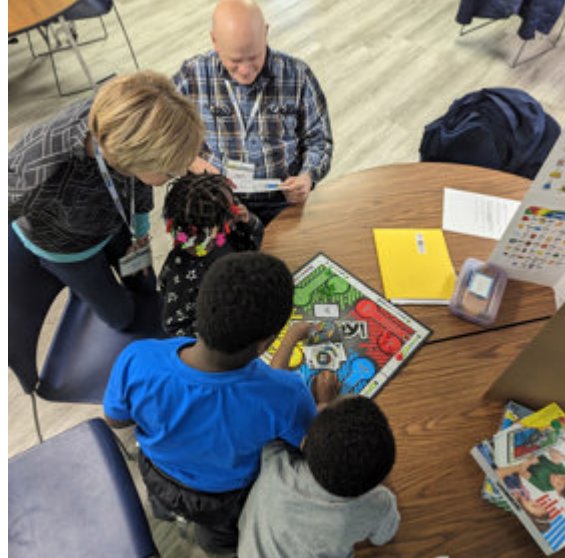
12th Annual Coat Shop!

We owe many thanks for the continued success of Our Coat Shop event to **Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview/Arden Hills Rotary, and the many individual donors & volunteers** who contributed this year!

This year, the Winter Coat Shop provided much needed winter essentials to 160 adults & children in 41 families at Solid Ground. From coats to hats, mittens & gloves, and more, this event provides them all at no cost to families who might have otherwise struggled to keep warm during the notoriously cold Minnesota winters.



Home At Last Tour



Visit us anytime - We welcome any size groups!

Learn more about Solid Ground, meet our families, and tour East Metro Place, our 34 unit building close to Century College! See our work (and the work of our volunteers and partners!) in action. Together we are preventing and ending homelessness – ensuring all families have access to safe affordable housing while working toward economic stability, improved health and wellness, and strong community connections.

Tours are offered at a time that is convenient for you, your family, workplace, faith community, service club or book club – all are welcome! We have a standing tour offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[RSVP HERE](#) or call Andree Aronson, CFRE, Director of Advancement at (651) 846-9027 for more information.

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