



**ANNUAL REPORT
SPRING 2022**

Transform

55 years of supporting individuals, stabilizing families,
and aiding businesses has transformed our community.



ModelCities

A message from the CEO and board chair



Kizzy L. Downie
CEO



Osborne Strickland
Board Chair

Dear Friends,

In 2022, Model Cities celebrates 55 years of service to individuals, families, and communities in Saint Paul. Our founding members could not have imagined how their efforts would impact so many individuals today. We offer much gratitude and thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly over the past 55 years to advance Model Cities’ mission.

Since its inception in 1967, Model Cities has continually sought to support marginalized and underserved communities and continues this work today by addressing racial disparities in housing and homeownership. Because of this, we are also increasing our focus on systems change, by working to champion policies that work toward our vision of creating a more equitable community. THANK YOU for being a partner in this work!

2021 BOARD MEMBERS

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Treasurer | Daniel Atunah-jay |
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Secretary and CEO | Stephanie Battle |
| | Brenda Bolar-Ford |
| | Peter May |
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| | Marilyn Porter |

In memory of Stephanie Battle

On October 26, 2021, Model Cities lost a true champion and a valued leader in our community. Stephanie Battle joined Model Cities’ Board of Directors in January 2020 and did a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to help advance our mission. Her dedication, generosity, and love for the communities we serve was unmatched.

Thank you for the outpouring of love, support, and condolences to Stephanie’s family and loved ones and to those of us who were lucky enough to know her. She will be missed deeply and will continue to inspire our work each day.



AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Our 2021 financial results provide stability and growth in support of carrying out our mission.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION:

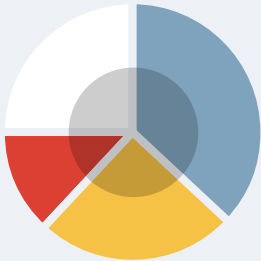
Current Assets	\$ 1,743,206
Total Assets	\$17,350,348
Current Liabilities	\$ 720,152
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,735,877
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,614,471

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Total Support & Revenue	\$ 3,607,967
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,524,498
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$ 721,042
Change in Net Assets, Excluding Non-operating Expenses	\$ 804,511

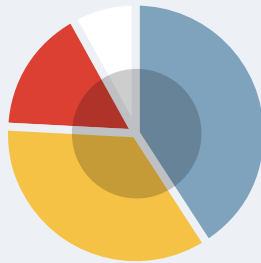
Support & Revenue

- 37% Government Agencies
- 25% Foundations & Corporations
- 13% Other Income
- 25% Earned Income



Expenses

- 41% Facilities Management
- 35% Client Services
- 16% Management & General Administration
- 8% Economic & Community Development



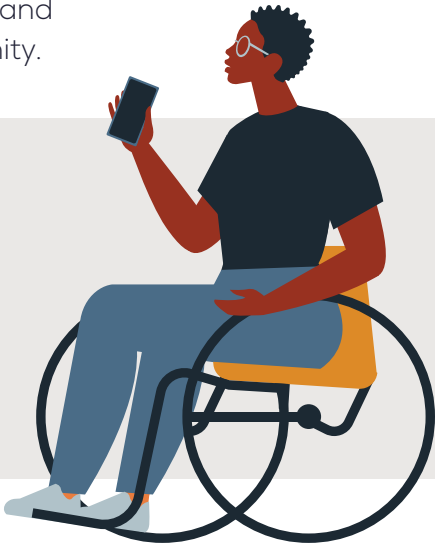
Our mission

To promote social and economic prosperity by providing access to opportunities that stabilize and develop families and communities.

Our brand values

Our brand values guide our work and frame how we serve our community.

- Creating opportunity
- Respecting others
- Building community
- Providing stability
- Driving equity



Transforming tenants into owners



Model Cities is working to develop a housing model of community ownership in Frogtown.

Through a partnership with the Frogtown Neighborhood Association (FNA), Hope Community, Historic Saint Paul, and the Housing Justice Center, Model Cities began work on a development project known as, "The Sherburne Collective."

The project will convert a vacant eight-unit apartment building into six units of community housing that will be available for members of the Frogtown/Rondo neighborhoods to reside in and eventually own.



Through extensive engagement with the community members and former residents of the building, the "Collective" will determine what ownership model will work best to meet the goal of community ownership of this building. The overall goal of the project is to preserve a valuable housing resource in the neighborhood, while preventing displacement and providing an opportunity for residents to build generational wealth.

Drive for reparations

Pilgrim Lutheran Church celebrates its 100-year anniversary by supporting Model Cities.

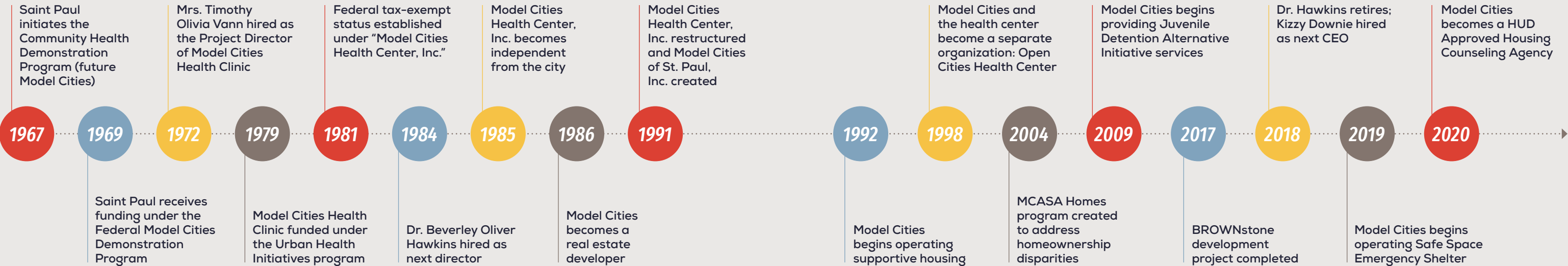
In 1924, a Black couple moved into a predominately white neighborhood near the newly formed Pilgrim Lutheran Church. William Francis was an attorney and civil rights advocate. Nellie Griswold Francis authored the Minnesota anti-lynching bill that became law in 1921. Despite their efforts to work for racial equality, they experienced prejudices in their new neighborhood. Threats and harassment eventually caused them to sell their home and leave Saint Paul.

To honor the memory of Nellie and William Francis and affirm their commitment to an ongoing process of becoming anti-racist, Pilgrim Lutheran Church's congregation made an Anniversary gift to Model Cities in support of home ownership for Black families. Model Cities offers thanks to the Pilgrim community for elevating the story of William and Nellie, acknowledging the harm that was caused, and for their renewed promise to work collectively with Black Indigenous People of Color to right this wrong.



55 years

Over the past 55 years, Model Cities has created transformational change throughout our local community.



By the numbers

The impact and outcomes of 2021 illustrate how we provide access and opportunities to individuals, families, and communities.

164

164 households served through Homebuyer Services. 62 households participated in homebuyer education (HomeStretch) and 102 households received one-on-one pre-purchase counseling.

9,600

9,600 meals served to Safe Space shelter guests through partnerships and volunteer efforts.

1,928

1,928 shelter guests utilized Safe Space and 107 individuals received assistance through our Day Services Shelter program.

103

103 adults and children served by Sankofa and Families First Supportive Housing programs providing education, training, and vital housing assistance, including furniture and rental assistance.

\$61,263

Model Cities aided 22 families in receiving back rent and electric bill assistance through the MN Rent Help program, adding up to \$61,263 in total support.

37

Youth Services supported 37 youth and their families in building healthy relationships, providing access to opportunities, and teaching life and work-readiness skills needed for positive development.

272

272 youth served through United Way's Action Day. Youth from Model Cities' Supportive Housing, Community Coaching, Family Coaching, and commercial tenants received backpacks.

2,402

2,402 individuals served agency-wide in 2021. 66% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and 76% people living in poverty, which helped reduce racial and economic disparities.



Thank you!

Because of you, Model Cities served nearly 2,500 individuals last year. Together, our work sets under-resourced individuals, youth, and families on a path to overcome barriers to housing stability, homeownership, academic success, and overall well-being. Every gift of money, items, volunteer time, and support makes a difference. Thank you for joining us in this transformational work.

CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

Amherst H Wilder Foundation
c/o Saint Paul Promise
Neighborhood (SPPN)
Badade Family Giving Fund
Bob and Diane Coderre
Family Fund
Build Wealth Minnesota
COUNTRY Financial
F.R. Bigelow Foundation
Family Housing Fund
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Mardag Foundation
Neighborhood Development
Center Inc.
Northwest Area Foundation
Omaha Community Foundation/
Scoular Foundation
Otto Bremer Trust Foundation
Patrick and Aimee
Butler Foundation
Pledgeling Foundation
Pohlad Family Foundation
Saint Paul & Minnesota
Foundation
Summit University
Planning Council
Target Foundation
The LaVonne and
Paul Batalden Fund
The Richard M. Schulze
Family Foundation
Wells Fargo Foundation
YouthPrise

GOVERNMENT

City of St. Paul
Dakota County
Community Corrections
Minnesota Department
of Employment and
Economic Development
Minnesota Department of Human
Services (FRF-Shelter)
Minnesota Housing
Ramsey County
Community Corrections
Ramsey County, Housing
Stability Department
Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous
Judith Aminmentse
Daniel Atunah-Jay
Brenda and Robert Bailey
Mary Kay Bailey
Paul and LaVonne Batalden
Stephanie Battle
Ray and Kristin Birkenkamp
Stephanie Botz
Mary Boyd
David Brisbin
William Bronn
Rachel Brough
Joseph and Nancy Burkhardt
William Burleson
Alex Campbell



INDIVIDUALS CONT.

Dean Carlson
Paldan Choedon
Robert Coderre
Bob and Diane Coderre
Virginia Coss
Alicia Davis-Neal
Sharon DeMark
Steve Dietz and Janet Kalotky
Lisa and Jay Dockter
Diane Dodge
Kizzy Downie
Gerard Flannery
Jamey Flannery
Hilde Flynn
Shannon M. Gahagan
Francis Green III
Aretha Green-Rupert
Meg Grove
Makeisha Hall
James Hart
Frank Hester
Andrea Hinderaker
Connally Johnson
Jean Johnson
Margaret Johnson
Max Johnson
Eric Jolly
Art Kaemmer, M.D.
Aaron Keniski
Nona Kennedy Carlson
Michael Kunz
Mike LaFave
Steven Landberg
Cynthia Lewis
Diana Lillicrap
Ann Long
Kathleen Love
David Mair
Pete May
Jessie McClary

Javonna McCoy-Barber
Shaun McElhatton
Sharon Meese
Timothy Moore
Anne Nitzke
Katrina Nunn
Beverley Oliver Hawkins
Niki Paul
Marjorie Pitz
Marilyn Porter
Terri Powell
Dennis and Kay Prchal
Nieeta Presley
Leena Ranade
Hilary Reeves
Siobhain Rivera
Bridget Rosario-Vega
Wendy Ruyle
Lori Schmidt
Julie and Bruce Schreifels
Stephanie Schultz
Richard Schulze
Amy Schwabe
Paul Severson
Carrie Jo Short
Osborne Strickland
Jerry and Sylvia Timian
Crystal Vital-Schwartz
Sean Walbran
Jeanne Weigum
Kathryn Wetzel-Mastel
Linda White
Charles Williams III
Kia Yang
Wendy Zeller and
Teresa Chandler
Nancy Zingale
Michael Zwank and Nienke Wijnia

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Allina Health
Ball Corporation
Charities Aid Foundation
of America
Ecolab
Liberty Diversity International
MidWestOne Bank
Palisade Asset Management LLC
Pilgrim Lutheran Church

INDIVIDUAL IN-KIND DONATIONS

Brenda Bailey
Robert Bailey
Jarrett Cammarata
Joseph Cellette
Mao Chang
Armando Flores
Dave Herrera Santacruz
Steve Lott
Nene Matey-Keke
Jacob Papesch
Pat Paulson
Durk Peterson
Tiffany Phillips
Osborne Strickland
Erica Svoboda
Suzy Wheeler

PRIVATE BUSINESS IN-KIND DONATIONS

Big River Pizza
First Hmong Baptist
Church, Coon Rapids
Menage LLC
Regions Hospital
Emergency Department
R S Executive Protection
Thrivent Financial

IN MEMORY OF STEPHANIE BATTLE

Mary Kay Bailey
Mary Boyd
Sharon DeMark
F.R. Bigelow Foundation
Shannon M. Gahagan,
The SMG Fund
Aretha Green-Rupert
Niki Paul
Bridget Rosario-Vega, The
Bridget Rosario Vega Fund
Carrie Jo Short
The Lexington Fund
The St. Paul & Minnesota
Foundation
The Stibbe Family Fund



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