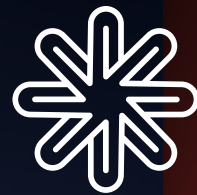


Pathways to progress



ModelCities

**Creating opportunities
and supporting people
along their journey.**

**ANNUAL REPORT
SPRING 2023**

A message from the CEO and board chair



Kizzy L. Downie
CEO



Osborne Strickland
Board Chair

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful experience we’ve had celebrating 55 years with you! The pioneering leadership of those who guided us over the years, beginning with Mary Stokes, Timothy O. Vann, and Dr. Beverley Oliver Hawkins made Model Cities an anchor of support in our communities. Through the hard work of Model Cities’ current leadership and staff, with your support, we’re setting the stage for 55 more years.

At Model Cities we believe investing in our neighbors opens pathways to progress. Our current services help stabilize thousands of individuals and families each year as they create lives they envision. We believe in the power, ideas, and agency of those we serve—trusting them as they work towards their dreams. We thank you for partnering in this work and we can’t wait to build an even better future together!

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

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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

VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



“My favorite part about this job is walking the journey to homeownership with someone, being able to re-cap where they started, what their journey was, and then to celebrate at the end. That’s everything.”

—Jeff Wills, homeownership advisor,
financial services

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Our 2022 financial results provide stability and growth in support of carrying out our mission.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION:

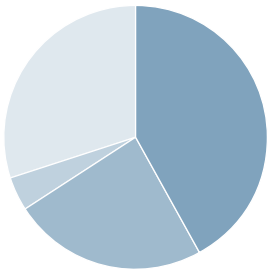
Current Assets	\$ 1,337,648
Total Assets	\$ 16,641,621
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,004,759
Total Liabilities	\$14,591,644
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,049,977

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Total Support & Revenue	\$ 3,045,297
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,618,577
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$ 719,919
Change in Net Assets, Excluding Non-operating Expenses	\$ 146,639

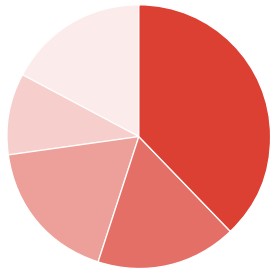
Support & Revenue

- 42% Government Agencies
- 24% Foundations & Corporations
- 4% Other Income
- 30% Earned Income



Expenses

- 38% Facilities & Properties Management
- 17% Client Services
- 18% Management & General Administration
- 10% Economic & Community Development
- 17% Shelter Services





A taste of the Caribbean

Sharon Richards-Noel merges food, community, and youth work for something special at our BROWNstone building.

Opening in November, West Indies Soul Food is one of Model Cities’ newest BROWNstone commercial tenants, adding a commercial kitchen to their already expansive repertoire of catering and food service including food trucks and the Minnesota State Fair.

Owner Sharon Richards-Noel grew up in Trinidad surrounded by calypso soundtracks and multicultural characters of the Caribbean. Drawn to the Land of 10,000 Lakes, she moved to Minnesota in 1982, and began sharing her love for authentic Caribbean cuisine. From jerk chicken to oxtail to curry goat, her menu encompasses the flavors of an authentic West Indies experience.

In 2023, Sharon intends to expand her youth program, The Intelligent Gourmet, teaching more young folks life skills, emotional awareness, and culinary know-how to help them find success, structure, and support in their lives.

Safety through art and community

This vibrant, welcoming mural sets the scene when walking, driving, or riding near Dale & University.

In September, local artists Thomasina Topbear (Santee Dakhóta & Oglala Lakḥóta muralist) and Geno Okok (Nigerian-American artist) led a mural project for our multi-family supportive housing development unit at 515 Dale in St. Paul. These artists were tasked with creating a piece that inspired, reflected, and brought beauty to the community.

Thomasina and Geno sought community input throughout the entire process—from holding meetings to learn what important elements should be

included to hosting practice mural painting classes. Making sure residents and community members were included in every aspect of the process was key. The artists wanted to ensure the community would enjoy seeing it since they walk by it every day.

The mural was well received, especially for its representation of Black, Brown, and Indigenous people who live and travel through the area regularly.



VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



“Model Cities gave me comfort and support when I was a new mom. I learned that where I’m at, is not where it ends, I can move up and move forward. I can accomplish my goals.”

—Fatima S., Sankofa resident (former)

On a journey to success

Jasmine is creating a big, bright future for her family.

Jasmine and her son were residents of Sankofa, our permanent supportive housing program for young parents, for two years. After moving on from Sankofa, Jasmine returned to Model

Cities, participating in our HomeStretch workshops. These first-time homebuyer classes helped her prepare for what to expect in the homebuying process, as well as how to be a successful homeowner in the future. Jasmine also participated in The People’s Fellowship, which helped her grow her credit and begin to create generational wealth for herself and her family.



By the numbers

For 55 years, we’ve worked to transform communities. These outcomes from 2022 show that we’re ready for 55 more!

2450

2,450 individuals served agency-wide in 2022. 68% identified as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color).

279

279 served to meet their financial goals in debt reduction, homeownership, entrepreneurship, multi-housing ownership, financial literacy, and homebuyer education.

125

125 families supported through connection to culturally responsive community resources that address basic needs such as food, furniture, and rental assistance.

116

116 students in the Frogtown/Rondo community received backpacks through the generous contributions of United Way’s Action Day.

1930

1,930 unsheltered adults accessed emergency overnight shelter and basic services like showers, toiletries, and bagged lunches through our Safe Space shelter.

VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



“We’re fortunate to partner with Model Cities to ensure a child’s course in life won’t be determined by zip code, race, or economic status. Together, we’re challenging norms and changing the odds one promise at a time.”

—Tiffany Scott Knox,
Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood

Thank you!

From volunteering to sustaining donations to in-kind services, you’ve helped reach nearly 2,500 community members this year. Individuals, youth, and families impacted by our work are creating pathways that run as far into the future as they can imagine. Every bit of support makes a difference. Thank you!

CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

- Allianz
- Amherst H Wilder Foundation
 - c/o Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN)
- Andersen Corporate Foundation
- Build Wealth Minnesota
- F.R. Bigelow Foundation
- Family Housing Fund
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- H.B. Fuller Company Foundation
- LISC Twin Cities (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)
- Mardag Foundation
- Minneapolis Foundation
- Neighborhood Development Center Inc.
- Omaha Community Foundation/
 - Scoular Foundation
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Pohlad Family Foundation
- Propel Nonprofits
- Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
- Target Foundation
- The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
- Turner Family Foundation
- Wells Fargo, NeighborhoodLIFT

A special note of thanks

- Pohlad Family Foundation** for helping us transform housing outcomes for BIPOC individuals and families.
- National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Twin Cities** for supporting families on their journey to homeownership.
- Mobile Loaves Twin Cities** for providing winter gear, hygiene products, and 6,000+ meals to Safe Space.

GOVERNMENT

- City of Saint Paul
- Metropolitan Council, LCDA-TOD
- Minnesota Department of Human Services, FRF-Shelter
- Minnesota Housing
- Ramsey County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative
- Ramsey County Community Corrections
- Ramsey County, Housing Stability Department
- Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

INDIVIDUALS

- Anonymous (12)
- Mary Ahlbrecht
- Judith Aminmentse
- Dan Anderson
- Gloria Anderson
- Brenda Bailey
- Paul and LaVonne Batalden
- Brenda Bolar-Ford
- William Bronn
- Joseph and Nancy Burkhardt
- Carol Carey
- Karen Carey-Bonner
- Niona Carson

INDIVIDUALS CONT.

Bruce Corrie
S. Saran Cryer
Alicia Davis-Neal
Gina Denardo
John Diehl
Kizzy Downie
Travelle Evans-Vann
Adria Fernandez
Jamey Flannery
Hilde Flynn
Darlene Fry
Dionne Gharamu
Frances Green
Mikeya Griffin
Meg Grove
Jim Hart
Braxton Haulcy
Stephanie Hillis
Andrea Hinderaker
Kurt Hochfeld
Babette Jamison Varner
Marnie Johnson
Jackie Johnson-Borelli
Eric Jolly
Art Kaemmer, M.D.
Michael Kuntz
Mike LaFave
Adora Land
Steven Landberg
Cynthia Lewis
Diana Lillicrap
David Mair
Pete May
Jessica McClary

Kathleen McDonough
David McGee
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OraMae Mitchell
Timothy Moore
Pamela Ngunjiri
Beverley Oliver Hawkins
Dennis Prchal
Nieeta Presley
Hilary Reeves
Sarah Reichling
Karen Richard
Melanie Ruda
Wendy Ruyle
Stephanie Schultz
Kareem Smith
Clarence and Karen Snedeker
James and Ruth Stevens
Jill Strahan
Osborne Strickland
DAngelos Svenkeson
Alyson Sweeney
Margarita Sweeney
Jamie Thelen
Starr Vann
Sean Walbran
Katheryn Wasyluk
Jeanne Weigum
Charles Williams III
Kia Yang
Nancy Zingale

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Abbott Laboratories
Allina Health
Country Inn & Suites
Ecolab
Menage LLC

Mississippi Market
Mobile Loaves Twin Cities
National Association of Real
Estate Brokers, Twin Cities
Palisade Asset Management
Peloton
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
R.S. Executive Protection
Saint Paul Fire Department,
Dept HQ, 645 Randolph Ave
St. Clement's Episcopal Church
The Bridget Rosario Vega Fund
TWP Architects, PA
Whole Foods Market

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