

THE SMART GIVERSM



CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL'S

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Celebrating 75 years of donor-nonprofit partnerships



75 YEARS

The Council has a long history of collaborating with both donors and nonprofits to build stronger communities for us all. This vibrant history will come to life on Thursday, September 1. Join us at the Nicollet Island Pavilion for a celebration of our organization and our incredible partners – including you!

We'd love to hear about your personal history with Charities Review Council. You can contact us using the information on the back cover of this newsletter. Here are a few questions to get you thinking:

- What does smart giving mean to you?
- What is your history of engagement with Charities Review Council? Any memorable stories?
- How have nonprofits made a difference in your life and community?

We are excited to hear your thoughts and hope to incorporate them into our event planning.

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Check out the **Giving Guide** on page 3 for a list of reviewed nonprofits.



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STATUS UPDATE *WITH* KRIS KEWITSCH

Hello, Council Friends!

I'm happy to be connecting with you this spring through our Smart Giver Newsletter.

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where donors & nonprofits meet

75 YEARS

Did you have a chance to check out the information on our upcoming 75th Anniversary event on the front and back pages? Under the guidance of our event planner Rosemarie Ndupuechi of 3E Productions, our 75th Anniversary Planning Committee is putting together an exciting celebration of our 75 years of donor-nonprofit partnerships.

We'd love to see you at the Nicollet Island Pavilion on September 1, 2022. We're not just honoring our vibrant history in the nonprofit sector that day; we're also celebrating your committed engagement. Your participation in our mission is building a strong, vibrant, and just world – and we think that deserves recognition!

Since the start of 2022, we've navigated strategic and staffing transitions at the Council. Our organization is currently undergoing strategic planning with Sherry Holtz of Mission Momentum. I'm so grateful for our team's willingness to dig in, ask big questions, and hold brave spaces for conversation together. We anticipate this work wrapping up mid-year, so stay tuned later in the year for exciting updates on our strategic direction. Our core team is small-but-mighty, and our network of dedicated partners (like you!) makes us even stronger.

Want to help bring our 75th Anniversary celebration to life in September? You can head to the sponsorship overview on the back page of this newsletter. We've opened up our sponsorship approach to encourage and celebrate donors at any and all levels. You can also go to bit.ly/DonateCRC to support our day-to-day operations and programming.

Your support of the future of the Council is greatly appreciated. We look forward to celebrating with you later this year!

In partnership,

Kris Kewitsch
Executive Director, Charities Review Council



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MEETS STANDARDS® NONPROFITS

This go-to list features nonprofits that have voluntarily completed our nonprofit review process and have earned Charities Review Council's Meets Standards® Seal, a visual marker of nonprofit strength. Our review process is good for three years and requires a small administrative payment (.02% of an organization's operating expenses).



The green checkmark indicates that the nonprofit Meets Standards®. For an up-to-date listing, go to SmartGivers.org/organizations.

Accountability Standards®

Our 25 Accountability Standards® are co-created benchmarks measuring nonprofit performance in four critical areas: governance, finance, fundraising and public disclosure. They represent a balance of nonprofit sector promising practices, public expectations and legal/regulatory requirements. The Standards have evolved over the Council's 75 years, with broad participation from Minnesota's nonprofit and philanthropic communities, to reflect reasonable public expectations for nonprofits. [Learn more at SmartGivers.org](https://SmartGivers.org).

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- ✓ 180 Degrees
- ✓ 360 Communities
- ✓ A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation
- ✓ Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI)
- ✓ AchieveMpls
- ✓ African Development Center of Minnesota
- ✓ Age Well Arrowhead Inc.
- ✓ Alexandra House, Inc.
- ✓ Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee)
- ✓ The Alliance
- ✓ Alliance Housing Inc.
- ✓ The ALS Association MN/ND/SD Chapter
- ✓ American Indian Family Center
- ✓ Amery Hospital & Clinic Foundation
- ✓ Ampersand Families
- ✓ Angel Foundation
- ✓ Animal Folks
- ✓ Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation
- ✓ Anu Family Services, Inc.
- ✓ ArtReach St. Croix
- ✓ Assistance League of Minneapolis/St. Paul
- ✓ Association for Nonsmokers - Minnesota
- ✓ Avenues for Youth
- ✓ Banyan Community
- ✓ Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- ✓ Beltrami Neighborhood Council
- ✓ BestPrep
- ✓ Bloom Early Learning
- ✓ Bolder Options
- ✓ Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- ✓ Breanna's Gift
- ✓ The Bridge for Youth
- ✓ Bridging
- ✓ C.A.R.E. Clinic
- ✓ CAIR California (LA, SV/CC, SD, SFBA)
- ✓ CAIR-Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pittsburgh)
- ✓ Camp Fire Minnesota
- ✓ Camp Odayin
- ✓ Can Do Canines
- ✓ Cancer Legal Care
- ✓ Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud
- ✓ The Center for Victims of Torture
- ✓ Center School, Inc.
- ✓ Charities Review Council (Self-Review)
- ✓ ChildFund International

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- ✓ Children's Cancer Research Fund
- ✓ Children's Dental Services
- ✓ Children's HeartLink
- ✓ Children's Home Society of Minnesota
- ✓ Children's Law Center of Minnesota
- ✓ Circle of Hope
- ✓ City of Lakes Community Land Trust
- ✓ Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy
- ✓ CommonBond Communities
- ✓ Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County
- ✓ Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties
- ✓ Community Dental Care
- ✓ Community Thread
- ✓ Como Friends
- ✓ Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio
- ✓ Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa
- ✓ Cornerstone Advocacy Service
- ✓ Daily Work
- ✓ DARTS
- ✓ DinoMights
- ✓ Dodge Nature Center
- ✓ Eastside Meals on Wheels, Inc.
- ✓ Ed Allies
- ✓ Edina Community Foundation
- ✓ EMERGE Community Development
- ✓ Emma Norton Services
- ✓ Environmental Initiative
- ✓ Every Meal
- ✓ EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services
- ✓ Exercisabilities, Inc
- ✓ Exodus Lending
- ✓ Faith's Lodge
- ✓ The Family Partnership
- ✓ Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley, Inc.
- ✓ Family Tree Clinic
- ✓ FamilyMeans
- ✓ Feed My Starving Children
- ✓ Feeding Our Communities Partners
- ✓ Firefly Sisterhood
- ✓ The Food Group
- ✓ Foundation for Essential Needs
- ✓ Franconia Sculpture Park
- ✓ Fraser
- ✓ Fresh Energy
- ✓ Freshwater Society
- ✓ Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
- ✓ Friends of the Hennepin County Library
- ✓ Friends of the Mississippi River
- ✓ Friends of the Ramsey County Libraries
- ✓ Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys
- ✓ Give Us Wings
- ✓ Global Minnesota
- ✓ Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota
- ✓ Great River Greening
- ✓ Great River Rescue
- ✓ GMCC (founded as Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches)
- ✓ Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
- ✓ Greater Twin Cities United Way
- ✓ Haiti Teen Challenge
- ✓ Hands of Hope Resource Center
- ✓ HandsOn Twin Cities
- ✓ Hastings Family Service
- ✓ Haven Housing of Ascension Place, Inc.
- ✓ Hennepin Health Foundation/Hennepin Healthcare Foundation
- ✓ Highpoint Center for Printmaking
- ✓ Hope Community
- ✓ HopeKids, Inc.
- ✓ Housing First Minnesota Foundation
- ✓ HousingLink

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- ✓ Hudson Hospital Foundation
- ✓ Hunger Solutions Minnesota
- ✓ Hutchinson Health Foundation
- ✓ ICA – Intercongregation Communities Association
- ✓ Initiative Foundation
- ✓ Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners
- ✓ International Institute of Minnesota
- ✓ Iringa Hope
- ✓ Jewish Family Service of St. Paul
- ✓ Joyce Preschool
- ✓ Junior Achievement North
- ✓ Keystone Community Services
- ✓ La Oportunidad, Inc.
- ✓ Lakes & Prairies CAP
- ✓ Lakes Area Music Festival
- ✓ Lakes Area United Way
- ✓ Lakes Center for Youth and Families
- ✓ Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- ✓ Learning Disabilities Association, Inc. (LDA Minnesota)
- ✓ Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health & Well-Being
- ✓ LifeSource
- ✓ Lifeworks Services, Inc.
- ✓ The Lift Garage
- ✓ Lighthouse Ministries International of Africa
- ✓ The Link
- ✓ Listening House of St. Paul, Inc
- ✓ Listening Point Foundation Inc.
- ✓ Literacy Minnesota (previously Minnesota Literacy Council)
- ✓ Living Well Disability Services
- ✓ Loaves & Fishes
- ✓ The Loppet Foundation
- ✓ Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry
- ✓ Lutheran Social Service of MN
- ✓ Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota
- ✓ Mano a Mano International Partners
- ✓ MATTER
- ✓ McLeod Emergency Food Shelf
- ✓ MDI
- ✓ Mental Health Minnesota
- ✓ Merrick, Inc.
- ✓ Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance
- ✓ Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge
- ✓ Minnesota Alliance With Youth
- ✓ Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration
- ✓ Minnesota Boychoir
- ✓ Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA)
- ✓ Minnesota Independence College and Community
- ✓ Minnesota International NGO Network (MINN)
- ✓ Minnesota Land Trust
- ✓ Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance
- ✓ Minnesota Public Radio, American Public Media
- ✓ Minnesota State Fair Foundation
- ✓ Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends
- ✓ Missions Inc. Programs
- ✓ Mississippi Park Connection
- ✓ MORE
- ✓ Move Minnesota
- ✓ MoveFwd (formerly Teens Alone)
- ✓ MSS
- ✓ My Very Own Bed
- ✓ NAMI Minnesota
- ✓ Neighbors, Inc.
- ✓ Neuro Hospitality House
- ✓ New Pathways
- ✓ Northeast Youth & Family Services
- ✓ Northern Dental Access Center
- ✓ NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.
- ✓ Northside Achievement Zone
- ✓ Northwoods Partners
- ✓ One Heartland
- ✓ Open Access Connections

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- ✓ The Open Door
- ✓ Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless
- ✓ Operation HELP
- ✓ Park Nicollet Foundation
- ✓ Pawsitive Perspectives Assistance Dogs (PawPADs)
- ✓ Pawsitivity Service Dogs
- ✓ PeaceMaker Minnesota
- ✓ People Incorporated
- ✓ People Serving People
- ✓ The Phoenix Residence Inc.
- ✓ Pillsbury United Communities
- ✓ Plymouth Christian Youth Center
- ✓ Prepare + Prosper
- ✓ PRG, Inc.
- ✓ PRISM
- ✓ ProAct, Inc.
- ✓ Progress Valley, Inc.
- ✓ Project FINE
- ✓ Project For Pride In Living Inc.
- ✓ Project Success
- ✓ Project Zawadi
- ✓ PROP (People Reaching Out to People)
- ✓ Rainbow Health (formerly JustUs Health)
- ✓ Reach for Resources
- ✓ The Reading Center / Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota
- ✓ Rebuilding Together Twin Cities
- ✓ Regions Hospital Foundation
- ✓ Relate Counseling Center
- ✓ The Reporters, Inc.
- ✓ Retrieve a Golden of the Midwest (RAGOM)
- ✓ Reve Academy
- ✓ Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE)
- ✓ Rise
- ✓ Ruff Start Rescue
- ✓ Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL)
- ✓ Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors
- ✓ The Sanneh Foundation
- ✓ Second Harvest Heartland
- ✓ Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
- ✓ Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
- ✓ Semcac
- ✓ Senior Community Services
- ✓ ServeMinnesota
- ✓ Simpson Housing Services, Inc.
- ✓ Sing Out Loud
- ✓ Sojourner Project, Inc.
- ✓ Solid Ground
- ✓ Southside Family Nurturing Center
- ✓ Southside Services I, Inc.
- ✓ St. Cloud Municipal Band
- ✓ St. Croix Valley Foundation
- ✓ St. David's Center for Child & Family Development
- ✓ St. Louis Park Emergency Program
- ✓ St. Paul Youth Services
- ✓ St. Stephen's Human Services
- ✓ Standpoint
- ✓ Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
- ✓ Steve Rummeler Hope Network
- ✓ Tanzania Life Project
- ✓ Tasks Unlimited
- ✓ Three Rivers Park District Foundation
- ✓ Touchstone Mental Health
- ✓ Tree Trust
- ✓ Tubman
- ✓ Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
- ✓ Twin Cities Public Television
- ✓ United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties
- ✓ United Way of Hastings
- ✓ United Way of Olmsted County, Inc.
- ✓ United Way of Southwest Minnesota
- ✓ United Way of West Central Minnesota
- ✓ Upstream Arts, Inc.
- ✓ Urban Boatbuilders
- ✓ Urban Homeworks
- ✓ Urban Roots

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- ✓ Vail Place
- ✓ Valley Outreach
- ✓ The Village Family Service Center
- ✓ Vision Loss Resources
- ✓ VocalEssence
- ✓ Wallin Education Partners
- ✓ Washburn Center for Children
- ✓ Wayside Recovery Center
- ✓ WellShare International
- ✓ West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust
- ✓ Western Communities Action Network, Inc. (WeCAN)
- ✓ Westfields Hospital & Clinic Foundation
- ✓ White Bear Area Food Shelf
- ✓ White Bear Center for the Arts
- ✓ White Bear Lake Area Historical Society
- ✓ Wilderness Inquiry
- ✓ Wings for Widows
- ✓ Wishes & More
- ✓ Women's Advocates, Inc.
- ✓ Women's Foundation of Minnesota
- ✓ WomenVenture
- ✓ Woodbury Options for Women
- ✓ World Without Genocide
- ✓ Youth Farm
- ✓ Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
- ✓ Youthprise
- ✓ YWCA of Minneapolis

Reviews in Progress: On March 1, the nonprofits listed as “Review in Progress” were working with Charities Review Council to attain or renew their Meet Standards® status. View an up-to-date list at SmartGivers.org/organizations.

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| Accord | HOPE Coalition | Perspectives, Inc. |
| The Arc Minnesota | Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota | Quiet Oaks Hospice House & Respite Care |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities | Light the Legacy | Red Drop Resource |
| Bridges to Learning, Inc. | Minnesota Council of Nonprofits | Rein in Sarcoma |
| CAPI USA | Minnesota Humanities Center | SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) |
| Connections to Independence | Minnesota Justice Foundation | Summit Academy OIC |
| Carmen Pampa Fund | National Loon Center | Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities |
| Cookie Cart | Neighborhood House | United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc. |
| createMPLS | Nexus | WACOSA |
| Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Foundation | Oasis for Youth | Wilderness Inquiry |
| Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota | Opportunity Neighborhood | YMCA of the North |
| Family Pathways | Opportunity Partners | |
| FamilyWise Services | PACER Center, Inc. | |



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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Help us celebrate 75 years of nonprofit and donor partnerships. Your gift will be used for this event and the operations of Charities Review Council. Anyone can give toward the different host categories outlined below, and all donors who give at any level will be recognized.

EXHIBIT HOSTS | \$10,000 goal

ENTERTAINMENT HOSTS | \$14,000 goal

SPEAKER HOSTS | \$1,000 goal

SAVORIES HOSTS | \$15,000 goal

SWAG HOSTS | \$10,000 goal

Your sponsorship to celebrate the Charities Review Council's 75 years of nonprofit and donor partnerships is appreciated. We know that your donation is important to you and that you choose where and to whom you give your hard-earned resources. To that end we will recognize all donors equally in the following ways:

- On program materials (donor names will appear alphabetically by organization, by individual donations, and by corporate/organization donations)
- On Charities Review Council's website
- On the registration website
- On video screens at the celebration

Contact Kris Kewitsch at kris@smartgivers.org or (651) 328-6970 for more information or to talk about your involvement.