



Minnesota Host Home Network

A big thanks to the Charlson Foundation

We're honored to announce the receipt of a \$10,000 grant for general operating support from the Charlson Foundation, which includes a provisional renewal for 2017 if we satisfactorily complete the 2016 grant terms. Social change doesn't happen overnight, and the Minnesota Host Home Network needs to be able to take the long view. The Charlson Foundation's multi-year support is an invaluable endorsement.

Who has the best ever volunteers?

We do! A big thanks to Mykl Roventine for designing our wonderful "homey" logo.

We're launching The Interview Project!



Minnesota Host Home Network director Jacqueline White, University of St. Thomas social work professor Ande Nesmith, and researcher K Adam are ready to listen!

Before young people in need of housing come to the attention of social services, they often work their personal networks, identifying adults they already know who can provide a place to stay. Little is formally known, however, about these "couch-hopping" arrangements, which sometimes offer the youth stability and other times are precarious. In **The Interview Project**, we're interviewing these resourceful youth and their community hosts with an eye toward identifying practical strategies--or TIPS--to stabilize these arrangements. Bolstering youth-initiated hosting arrangements offers the exciting possibility of catching youth further up the pipeline, before their homelessness becomes more entrenched.

Special thanks to a Bush/Headwaters Community Innovation Grant and the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund for funding this ground-breaking study! We're unaware of any other such research nationally.

Interested in volunteering to transcribe the interviews? Please email Jacqueline.



And hats off to our ace volunteer, Aaron Zimmerman (above). A development consultant by day, Aaron becomes our troubleshooting operations superhero by night. He's set up our website, e-news template, and contact database, all while dispensing good cheer and nuggets of millennial "Google it and find the answer" wisdom!

We so appreciate your ongoing support...

We're so grateful to the 13 donors (and donor couples) who made second

quarter donations that totaled \$1925! *And also pledged to give the same amount in 2017!!*

Our heartfelt thanks to Bev Bachel, Craig Cox & Sharon Parker, Anita Hill, Mary Hinz, Rudy Hokanson & Susan Miller, Jan Kleinman & Fadil Santosa, Jerry & Susan Lane, John Larsen & Mike Stuart, Jack Lechner, Pete Magee, Daniel Sellers, Joan Stockinger, and Win Thrall!

Fund our vital work!

Donations made to the Minnesota Host Home Network are fully tax deductible: the Network has nonprofit 501c3 status through the fiscal sponsorship of MAP for Nonprofits. You can donate online through GiveMN.org

Or kindly make checks payable to "MAP for Nonprofits" with "Minnesota Host Home Network" in the memo line and mail to: MAP for Nonprofits, 2314 University Ave W, Suite 28, St. Paul, MN 55114

Take a sneak peek at our brand new website

We're soooo excited to announce that the Minnesota Host Home Network now has its very own website. Check out Mnhosthome.net for lots of good info about our initiatives, upcoming events, as well as a list of current Minnesota host home programs!

Huddlers huddling on July 18

The Minnesota Host Home Network convenes community volunteers and social service staff from tribal nations and rural, suburban, and urban areas across the state at quarterly Huddles. At our July Huddle, we'll be discussing best practices for host homes. Please contact [Jacqueline](#) if you're interested in attending and sharing your perspective!



Eat a tasty burger on August 8, 4-10 pm

[The Lowbrow](#) will donate 5% of your tab to the Minnesota Host Home Network and 5% to Avenues for Homeless Youth! That's a yummy win-win! And did we mention beer on tap? Plus, [Host Home Mom](#) will be on hand to tell you all about what it takes to become a host! And as a mom, she's also available to consult about healthy menu items, including vegetarian and gluten-free options. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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