

2018 Annual Report

Greater Minneapolis Community Connections



Dear Friends,

For over 110 years, Greater Minneapolis Community Connections (GMCC, formerly Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches) has been meeting needs in our community. GMCC's work has made a difference by furthering food justice, supporting food shelves, building a caring community through volunteerism, providing social justice education, and empowering youth to succeed through effective mentorship.

We have made an impact because of you. Thank you for your continued support.

Today, we continue our impactful work through three core programs: **Minnesota FoodShare**, **Urban Immersions**, and **Kinship Greater Twin Cities**. We strive to further equity through advocacy, education, and community connections.

Building community connections is the common thread throughout our programs and initiatives and the overarching vision of GMCC. Our work today and moving forward is based on the belief that responsibly and intentionally building strong connections within and across communities will result in more people having the resources necessary to live healthy, fulfilling lives.

After several years of change, GMCC is re-assessing our communal assets and needs to re-imagine how we can contribute to a stronger, healthier, and more equitable community. Grounded in our history and long-standing programs, we are engaging our stakeholders to evaluate the role of GMCC in meeting community needs through new and innovative approaches.

We hope you will continue to support our important work and join us as we look to our future. If you have not yet made your 2019 donation, you can give online at gmcc.org/donate or by using the enclosed envelope. We are so grateful for your support.

Thank You,

Adrienne Dorn, Executive Director
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Our Mission

"Uniting people of faith, serving people in need."

Our longstanding mission supports a vision in which everyone has access to the opportunities and resources necessary to live healthy, fulfilling lives. Greater Minneapolis Community connections (GMCC) is an inclusive interfaith organization standing up against injustice and bringing people together to strengthen community.



Our Recent Transitions

Re-evaluated our programs and their impact with a focus on organizational sustainability and responsible stewardship of resources.

Still GMCC, we transitioned from Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches to Greater Minneapolis Community Connections to better reflect our role as an inclusive, interfaith organization.

Finalized a separation from Division of Indian Work (DIW), supporting the transition of a 60-year program of GMCC into an independent native-run and serving organization.

Hired an Executive Director after three years of interim leadership.

Focused on strengthening and growing our three most impactful programs: Minnesota FoodShare, Urban Immersions, and Kinship Greater Twin Cities.

Transitioned our Metro Paint-A-Thon program to Hearts & Hammers (Saint Paul, MN) in order to maximize community assets and capacity.

2018 Financials

Income

Charitable Support \$1,206,989
Earned Revenue \$159,995
Total Income \$1,366,975

Expenses

Program Services \$1,231,649
General Administration \$204,248
Fundraising \$112,297
***Total Expenses \$1,548,194**
*includes transfer of assets and one-time expenses related to the separation of DIW.

Financial Position

Current Assets \$1,603,900
Total Assets \$2,592,975

Current Liabilities \$35,116
Total Liabilities \$353,488

Total Net Assets \$2,239,487
Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$2,592,975

Board of Directors

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Greater Minneapolis Community Connections, Executive Director



Engaging Minnesotans Addressing Food Insecurity

For 38 years, Minnesota FoodShare has worked to address hunger and food insecurity through fundraising, education, and advocacy.

"Minnesota FoodShare helps us address hunger needs in our community, raise awareness about food insecurity, and challenges communities to take action."

- Sonja E., Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Inc.

In 2019, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign generated \$8.15 million and 5.5 million pounds of food for Minnesota food shelves.

Minnesota FoodShare is currently investing in research on the relationship between hunger, food access, and equity.

Creating Supportive, Holistic, & Authentic Mentoring Relationships

For 65 years, Kinship Greater Twin Cities has facilitated and fostered healthy, supportive mentoring relationships for young people ages 5-18, supporting them in building academic, social, emotional, and life skills.



"Through Kinship, I met Nathan. He was in my life for my most formative years. Because of Kinship, I had a role model that I otherwise would never have had."

- Cory, former Kinship mentee

Kinship Greater Twin Cities was named an Expert Partner by Mentor Minnesota, recognized for meeting 100% of mentoring best practices.

In 2018, Kinship maintained approximately 120 mentor matches and onboarded 23 new mentoring relationships.



SERVE. LEARN. SPEAK.

For 22 years, Urban Immersions has engaged groups of youth and adults in trainings and immersions that include discussion and critical thinking around the narratives and systems surrounding poverty, privilege, and structural injustice. Immersions include hands-on service and learning experiences. Over the past four years, more than 4,250 individuals have completed Urban Immersion trainings.

"Getting the chance to give back to the community and learn about the cycle of poverty was a very powerful combination not only for our youth but for our adult leaders as well."

-2019 Participant

In 2018, approximately 800 individuals participated in a service immersion contributing more than 7,200 hours of community service.

Urban Immersions partnered with corporations, government agencies, and schools to conduct more than 60 "Face The Facts: Understanding Urban Poverty" simulations.



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