

2019 Annual Report

Greater Minneapolis Community Connections



Dear Friends,

For 115 years, GMCC has been working to meet our community's greatest needs, address unequal access to resources, and fight for racial equity and social justice. Our longstanding mission "uniting people of faith, serving people in need," supports a vision in which everyone has access to the opportunities and resources necessary to live healthy, fulfilling lives. Our programs work to tackle social inequities through systems change in tandem with relief work. GMCC furthers equity through advocacy, education, service-learning, and mentoring; addressing inequitable access to resources; and bringing people together to strengthen community.

GMCC's programs and initiatives address root causes of inequity, facilitate civic engagement, and create intentional community across social dividers. We continue to build on GMCC's strong history by developing new, innovative approaches to food access and security, supporting mentorship and youth development, providing social justice education and training, addressing economic disparity, and building community connections to move the needle on Minnesota's equity gap.

Through our programs and work, we strive to dismantle systems of inequity through action and education. Our community is better when people can find a platform through which to genuinely connect, find common ground, and acknowledge and respect our differences. We are most effective when using an asset-based approach to our work and services, leveraging our strengths and available tools in order to support desired change that centers our constituents and originates from within the community.

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 Core Beliefs

- Young people have a better chance of succeeding when they have healthy adult relationships and role models
- Every community member should have access to healthy food and opportunities and resources needed to live healthy, fulfilling lives
- Poverty and economic disparity results from structural inequity and injustice; understanding these realities will help us better address challenges of poverty and equity
- Unequal distribution of wealth, privilege, and access to opportunities has negatively affected all of us. Through our programs and work, we strive to dismantle systems of inequity through action and education
- Our community is better when people can find a platform through which to genuinely connect, find common ground, and acknowledge and respect our differences
- We will be most effective when using an asset-based approach to our work and services, leveraging our strengths and available tools in order to support desired change that centers our constituents and originates from within the community

2019 Audited Financials

Income

Charitable Support \$934,132
Earned Revenue \$151,499
Total Income \$1,085,631

Expenses

Program Services \$1,054,066
General Administration \$140,890
Fundraising \$128,169
Total Expenses \$1,323,125

Financial Position

Current Assets \$1,488,442
Total Assets \$2,368,258

Current Liabilities \$47,983
Total Liabilities \$366,355

Total Net Assets \$2,001,903
Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$2,368,258

Board of Directors

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Adrienne Dorn

Executive Director, Greater Minneapolis Community Connections



Engaging Minnesotans Addressing Food Insecurity

For 39 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., Dorthy Day House of Hospitality, Inc.

In 2019, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign generated \$8 million dollars and 5.1 million pounds of food for Minnesota food shelves.

Minnesota FoodShare continues to explore the relationship between hunger, food access, and equity, and finding creative solutions to ending hunger.

Creating Supportive, Holistic, & Authentic Mentoring Relationships

For 66 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

In 2019, Kinship supported 130 mentoring matches, providing more than 25,000 hours of guidance.

Kinship Greater Twin Cities is Mentor Minnesota Expert Partner; recognized for meeting 100% of mentoring best practices.



SERVE. LEARN. SPEAK.

For 23 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 4,500 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 2019, more than 780 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 40 "Face The Facts: Understanding Urban Poverty" simulations.



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