



Neighborhood House

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Who We Are

Neighborhood House is dedicated to making sure that everyone who calls St. Paul, Minnesota home can live here and thrive here. Serving primarily low-income, immigrant, refugee and underrepresented communities, Neighborhood House works with the entire family to ensure their basic needs are met, as well as assuring access to all-ages, cost-free education programs so they can live safe, stable and rewarding lives

Our Mission

To help people gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in diverse communities.

Fiscal Year 2025

46,535

people served through Neighborhood House programs

11,476

families were served through Neighborhood House programs

84%

of participants identified as a person of color

89%

of families served were at or below the poverty level

Youth Program

Our free Youth Programs include Summer Sunrise camp, a Lending Library, year-round homework and tutoring support, evening programming for the children of Adult Education students, a teen mentorship program, and various events and excursions throughout the year.

Summer Sunrise Camp, after-school enrichment, and several age-specific offerings supported a total of **286 youth**, providing them with free educational and enrichment offerings, access to mentors, and opportunities to participate in new experiences and activities.







Parent and Early Childhood Education

For our littlest learners, Parent and Early Childhood Education (PECE) programming promotes kindergarten readiness through preschool classes and provides childcare for the young children of Adult Education students during adult class time. Along with optional home visiting for families, this program addresses the unique barriers that low-income or immigrant families face in preparing their children for school.

PECE Impact:

- **116** preschool children supported

78% of children were on track for kindergarten (age-appropriate in their social & emotional, cognitive, language and physical development)



Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn

Everyone belongs.



Emotions

happy	sad	angry	excited
shocked	depressed	nervous	surprised
hurt	jealous	worried	shy
guilty	embarrassed	lonely	jealous

Today's Weather

partly sunny	sunny	cloudy
snowy	rainy	windy

Alphabet

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	
Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk
Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	
Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu	
Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz	

Numbers

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

MERION	KLOYAW	AMELIA
SHY	ANGRY	SCARED

Adult woman in black hoodie and brown pants, kneeling and assisting a child.

Child in purple shirt painting a green shape on a white sheet of paper.

Child in white shirt painting a green shape on a white sheet of paper.

Adult woman in black and white striped shirt sitting at the table, observing the children.



Youth Literacy

Neighborhood House's Youth Literacy Program provides literacy instruction for children in 3rd -12th grade that have been identified by St. Paul Public Schools as behind in reading. These children, particularly as they get older, often fall through the cracks of the education system.

Our Youth Literacy Team partners with neighborhood schools and Minnesota Reading Corps to assess and teach reading to children referred to us by other teachers, school administrators, and parents. Although some youths are behind grade reading level due to a learning disability or being a non-native English speaker, others are there due to poverty and racial disparities that can be powerful societal barriers to academic achievement. Regardless of where our youth are coming from or what level they may be at, our overall goal is to narrow the achievement gap in reading for St. Paul youth who may want this additional support.

Our Youth Literacy program offers:

- One-on-One or Small Group Reading Support
- Literacy Events (Like Bingo for Books)
- Field Trips (Like taking our youth to a play)
- End of the year celebration and award ceremony
- Free books!

Youth Literacy Impact:

118 students enrolled

83% of our youth increased their engagement in positive literacy activities – this was done by having access to reading materials at the appropriate reading level and attending reading focused events





Adult Education

Our Adult Education program provides a wide variety of free education and enrichment classes, including three levels of English language and literacy, preparation for U.S. citizenship and GED tests, digital navigation, continuing education, career readiness and navigation, and driver's education. We work with all learners to help them gain the skills necessary to improve employment potential, continue to higher education, and strengthen connections to the community, all significant steps on the path toward independence, stability, and a bright future.

Adult Education Impact:

873 students attended classes

531 students attended classes for more than 12 hours

63 different languages spoken

35% of students who were tested, made a measurable level gain





Housing Stability

A safe and secure place to call home is critical to building a solid foundation for a family to thrive. Our Housing Stability program prevents evictions and homelessness through emergency financial assistance and uniquely working alongside families in Ramsey County Housing Court. We also implement transformational housing programs that go beyond one-time financial assistance and include intensive, long-term case management services alongside rent subsidies.

Housing Stability Impact:

7,653 households were served

Prevented homelessness for **831** families

\$1,549,435.00 in direct financial assistance (mortgage, rent, deposits and utilities)

87% of participants reported stable housing six months after receiving assistance.



Family Centers

Our two Family Centers serve as central intake hubs for families. Households in crisis can receive case management services, referrals for additional community services, and assistance with government benefits enrollment. Family coaches also provide free basic needs items. With added space and staffing at our new second location, participants at Family Centers received significantly more free diapers, bottles of shampoo, personal and feminine hygiene products, cleaning products, warm winter outerwear, backpacks, and school supplies than the previous year.

Family Center Impact:

- **355** Households served
- **203,700** Basic need items distributed

Our Family Center coaches work with participants and their family one-on-one who are in various stages of life and levels of need. Many of the participants who come to our family coaches are not sure where to turn, but after working together with the coach, they may learn about what options there are and how to come up with a plan and work on it together.

"My Family Coach and Site Coordinator, was great and the effort she put into helping my family out is appreciated deeply"



Food Support

Through our two Saint Paul food markets, we provide fresh, healthy, and culturally specific food options to people facing food insecurity as well as assistance with government benefits enrollment. With the launch of our second site, our Food Support Program team distributed over 1 million pounds to participants for the first time, nearly a 20% increase in distribution over the previous year.

Our Food Support Program includes:

- **Two cost-free food markets: Wellstone Center and Montreal**
- **Fresh Produce Distribution events**
- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and NAPS (Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors) and other food resources/referrals**

Food Support Impact:

- **7,021 Households**
- **25,641 Individuals**
- **83k Pounds of fresh produce with 32 free fresh produce events**
- **1,087,792 Pounds of food**





Rapid Response

This is a temporary program that was developed and implemented at the start of this year. We are predicted to be wrapped up with home deliveries by the end of June.

Community Impact:

- **734** Households have been supported between Jan. 16th – May 31st 2026
- **77%** of those households were new to Neighborhood House
- **225,000** Pounds of food and hygiene products have been delivered
- **175+** Volunteered through deliveries, grocery packing, and loading.
- **Volunteers delivered 4,500** times to participants in need

We were lucky enough to have a space available for this program. The current space at the end of June will become what it was originally planned for and that is a Makers Space for our participants and the community. Fun things that will be included in this space are a computer lab, sound booth, pottery wheels, kiln, and wood working space.

Volunteer Program

557

dedicated volunteers devoted more than

14,000

hours to service

