

HOSPITALITY HOUSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FISCAL YEAR 2021

# ANNUAL REPORT



HOPE



We Are All Winners With Christ  
I Corinthians 15:57

# Executive Director Letter

"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him" Lamentations 3:25 (NIV)

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## Dear Friends!

2021 was another challenging period in our community. The COVID-19 Pandemic has persisted, and we have also continued to face increasing crime, violence, and community unrest. Our theme for this year is HOPE. I am mindful of the words written by the prophet Jeremiah long ago. They are still true today and remind us that God is truly good to those who love Him. It is through God's many blessings that our doors have remained open during the pandemic, and that we are able to provide spiritual, intellectual, and physical development for our inner city youth and families. School learning environments that have gone back and forth between in-person and distance learning have been extremely difficult for our families. We have joyfully come alongside them to help ensure our youth are making academic progress and performing at or above grade level. We also know that the longer youth remain in our program, the more positive impact we are able to make. That's one reason why I am thrilled to see the growth in our teen program and young discipleship groups. Just recently, several youth have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Our youth have a promising future, and that gives me hope. None of what has been accomplished in 2021 or the previous 60 years would be possible without the many donors, volunteers, and important partnerships that are necessary for our success. I am truly grateful to each and every one of you that is bringing hope to our community.

Blessings,

  
Reverend Johnny Hunter





### MISSION

Hospitality House Youth Development provides a Christian outreach focused on the spiritual, intellectual, and physical development of inner city youth and their families.

### VISION

By opening doors of opportunity, at-risk youth will be equipped to lead with integrity, broken families will be restored, and our North Minneapolis community will be rebuilt.

### CULTURE STATEMENT

Inspired and guided by its strong Christian focus, Hospitality House is a caring community that has high expectations, provides significant support, and helps its young people discover and develop their interests and talents.

# MINISTRY STORY

## Homelessness to Hope

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

A few years ago I met William (name changed). He has been attending Hospitality House for four years and he loves sports. I got to know him when he played on my basketball and baseball teams. He is wonderfully active! He is outgoing, much fun and has amazing crazy hair!

At the beginning of this year I noticed things were a bit different with William. He was more agitated, less able to focus, and often struggling with school work. He sometimes got into fights. I found out that things have not gone well for his family. They were homeless; living where they could and going from place to place. It is hard to imagine what William's life was like. I was concerned about his safety and care. How does a young child deal with being homeless: the confusion, constant change, shame? What does the future hold for William?



We prayed. Then Hospitality House began to help. Rev Hunter with his Shepherd's heart made some phone calls looking for ways to support William and his family. Through Hospitality House the family applied for and was able to stay at Sharing and Caring Hands. They got their own apartment, beds, and more! The kids had a stable place to stay and they got a family worker to assist.

As of this writing William and his family have signed a lease and just moved into their own permanent apartment. Hospitality House continues to help them by getting household items and supplies; beds, linens, food, transportation and more. We have connected them with other organizations to further help. We continue to pray for them and others who we know are struggling.

There has been a noticeable change in William; like a load has been lifted off this young man. He is working harder and is happier. We pray every day as a large group to begin our afterschool program. William loves to get up in front of everyone and pray (not to mention he does like the attention). He does have God's attention too, for our Father in heaven does have a special place for these little ones. God has a beautiful plan to care for and prosper them. And every so often we get to be part of His marvelous plan to give us hope and a future. Thank you for your support of this work.

*George Rowley*

George Rowley  
HHYD Program Director



# EDUCATION

## A LIFE WELL LIVED

Dr. Theresa Foster  
October 29, 1948 - November 4, 2021

Dear Lord,  
We thank you for the life of Dr. Foster -  
For her impacting so many lives for you;  
For her heart of compassion, especially  
for the youth; For her giving and mentoring  
and investing her time and resources in us.  
We thank you for her passion for education  
and starting the Urban Learning Center  
at Hospitality House, and for her 30  
years of teaching in Minneapolis Public  
Schools and the lives she touched.  
We are grateful for her 23 years of  
dedication to the ministry of Hospitality  
House and for her kindness and strength  
and her desire to create followers of you.  
We thank you that she was a women of  
prayer, praying for us, and encouraged us  
to pray. That she was able to fight the good  
fight, keeping the faith and finishing the race.  
That she brought glory and honor to your name.  
She had a beautiful life well lived!

*I am Special You are Special  
God made Us Special  
A seed of Success is in ME  
God planted it and Successful I WILL Be!*

Hospitality House Affirmation  
by Dr. Theresa Foster

## Hospitality House Urban Learning Center (ULC)

The Urban Learning Center is made up of two main programs, our After School and Summer programs. The After School Program is a comprehensive program that offers Kindergarten through 12th grade students structured academics with a focus on establishing strong basic skills in Language Arts, Math, Science and Character Development. The program is open Monday through Friday, 2 to 6pm during the school year. Our summer program, is called Summer Spot that runs all day long. This is an intensive eight week summer program with the mornings dedicated to academic skill building. Licensed teachers and educational assistants work with students on grade level appropriate lessons and materials that correlate with Minnesota Standards. The Summer Spot afternoons are full of fun activities including field trips, swimming, STEM, crafts and cooking projects and other life skill training. Every day students spend tie studying the Bible and learning about God.

Overall Growth Pre-Post Test (All Grades) 2020-2021





# ATHLETICS

Hospitality House offers basketball, baseball and tennis. Through our athletic teams, we teach the importance of health and fitness, teamwork, integrity, and excellence. Athletics provide healthy recreational activities and positive motivation to stay in school. Basketball is the most popular athletic activity. We continue to partner with InnerCity Tennis (ICT).

## BASKETBALL

In FY2021 we had two basketball teams due to the COVID-19 pandemic for a total of 21 participants with a 12u, 13u team. These teams had a wonderful time playing basketball, learning the game and developing their skills while gaining lifelong teamwork and leadership on and off the court.

## Athletes of the Year 2021

Each year two athletes a young man and young woman are selected who show strong Christian character and values, on and off the field along with representing what God continues to accomplish at Hospitality House. The Christian Athlete of the year award honors



Hospitality House founder Woody Larson. Woody used sports as a vehicle to bring the Truth of Christ's endless love to the boys and girls of North Minneapolis. The 2021 recipients are Alexandria Hil and Grant Woods.



# TEENS

## NEW STRATEGIES FOR OUR TEEN PROGRAM

The Teen Program is part of the Hospitality House Youth Development strategic plan. The Teen Program launched a pilot program September 2021 which includes weekly EDGE (Engage, Develop, Grow, Experience) Small Groups, EDGE Studio Workshop, a Bible study called FAMILY (Focusing All My Interactions In Loving You) and the latest program to launch, the Student Discipleship Group. This group focuses on helping students look at the biblical foundations for building strong disciples. We ask students to be committed to these groups for the entire school year and hope to walk with them into their young adult years.

## PURPOSE AND FOCUS

The Teen Program is for grades 6th through 12th. We want to transition students into the Teen Program well; 5th grade students are invited to the Teen Program throughout the year to get a glimpse of each one of the Teen Program activities and the expectations for when they reach middle school. Leadership and entrepreneurship, career and college prep, arts and performance, creative club, discipleship, service and outreach, are all areas we will focus on more as our middle school students reach high school.

## TEENS IN NUMBERS

12 students attend EDGE Small Groups and nine attend FAMILY Bible study. 11 students attended a Fall Retreat in November. Through EDGE Small Groups and FAMILY, 17 middle and high school students accepted Christ.

## FUTURE OF TEEN PROGRAM

We hope to add more physical space for our middle and high school students, as well as hire more staff to work with this thriving group of young people.



“My Mom makes the sacrifice to make sure I attend because she knows what I am learning is very important for my life and she’d rather have me there than sitting at home doing nothing.” - Cheryl, 6th Grade “My favorite thing I like to do in the Teen Program is read the Bible and eat.” - Nicholas, 6th Grade “My favorite thing in the Teen Program is reading the Bible with Mr. Matt because he makes a lot of jokes and is really fun.” - Talance, 6th Grade “I come to the Teen Program each week to get closer to God.” - Calvin, 7th Grade “My mom likes the Teen Program for me because I can be on different journeys and explore.” - Jay, 7th Grade “I think the Fall Retreat was fun and good to get away and I will definitely be going to the Spring Retreat!” - Jacob, 8th Grade



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Commonly called the "Hub" Hospitality House brings families together to form strong relationships, and builds community partnerships to create a better tomorrow in North Minneapolis. In FY2021 our community outreach programs and events were held in-person with modifications due to COVID-19 restrictions. Community Outreach Events



**Building Bridges Through Basketball** with the Minneapolis Police Department and RBC Hospitality House and the MPD continue to build bridges of trust through basketball. In August 2021 a skills competition between Hospitality House youth and several Minneapolis Police Officers was held. The skills competition included free throws, a three-point shoot-out, two-ball and minute-it-to-win-it games. Christmas with Dignity



**Give-A-Way with C.J. Ham, HY-VEE and the Minneapolis Police Department** Hospitality House was the site for the C.J. Ham Give-A-Way of over 300 hams to the neighboring Northside community in March 2021.



For the second year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the **Christmas with Dignity** program made adjustments to the event. Families drove up to receive their gifts instead of coming to shop in the Hospitality House Holiday Shop. With the shortage of Christmas presents in 2021 each family and child received a \$25 Target gift card and a tote bag full of toys, a book and a Bible, which were all donated by our generous donors. 420 families were served and 1,256 children.

With Covid diminishing Hospitality House was once again able to hold our annual **Black History Night** on Friday February 19th. It was an exciting night, where over people were able to come to see their children sing, dance, and display their talents and work. The highlight of the evening was each class did a project decorating their room doors with various topics; athletes, entertainers, inventors and more. Each person was able to tour the building looking at and appreciating the excellent work our students did.





# SUCCESS STORY



**“Hospitality House is a blessing.”** Malika Allen

Looking for an after school program for her boys Malika Allen found more than just a place to teach her boys the importance of academic excellence; she found a family, and a support network to help mentor her children with love and care in a Christ filled environment. “There have been so many educated black male mentors to guide my boys in the right direction.”

Malika said. Having an enrichment program like Hospitality House to guide the boys that was small and not rowdy was very important to Malika. She has three boys Amaja (20) Jabriel (17) and Jaron (10). All of her boys have played basketball at Hospitality House. **“Put your all into it”** Amaja said has been instilled in him by the coaches at Hospitality House. He still carries this with him today to not give up or get down. Keeping good grades and seeing the positive results of studying and hard work do pay off. As a senior this year at Loring Nicollet Alternative High School (LNAS) Jabriel is taking college generals at MCTC through the D3 program. “Hospitality House has kept me productive, active and out of trouble. They have kept me busy!” said Jabriel. Malika credits all of this through the partnership Hospitality House has with Step Up, which helped him earn additional high school credits to graduate early this spring. “I’m speechless, they have done so much for me and my family school-wise academically and even some hard personal issues the staff has been there for our family.” said Malika. She continued, “I’m grateful they are still here to help Jaron!” As the youngest of the three boys Jaron is happy and excited to attend Hospitality House like his older brothers. “It feels good to have two older brothers to help me.” Jaron said. The whole family has found Christ by attending Hospitality House.

**“Everyone has a good spirit at Hospitality House”** said Amaja.

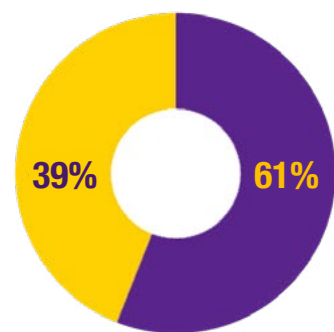
**“It’s a family vibe”** Jaron **“Hospitality House keeps you on the right path”** Jabriel  
**Hospitality House helped us through some tough times”** Amaja



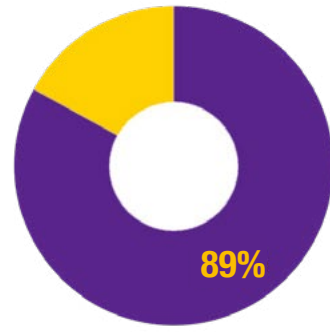
# WHO WE SERVE

## BY THE NUMBERS

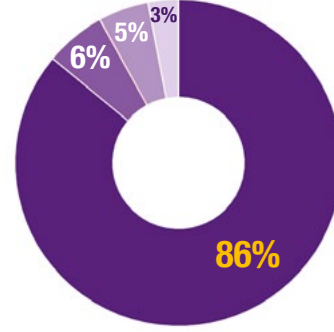
2021 ULC Enrollment 181 After school 92 Summer Spot 89  
 2021 Athletics enrollment Boys Basketball + Girls Basketball = 125  
 No baseball due to COVID  
 Fiscal 2021 Christmas with Dignity 210 Families 601 kids



■ Male  
 ■ Female



■ Qualify for Free/  
 Reduced Lunch



■ African American  
 ■ Multiracial  
 ■ Latinix  
 ■ Caucasian

**125**

Athletes

**87**

Teens

**165**

Volunteers

**181**

ULC Enrollment

**994**

Total youth served by Hospitality House in 2021

# FINANCIALS

Statement of Activities  
 Year ended August 31, 2021

## REVENUE

Foundations	\$304,391
Events	\$390,869
Individuals	\$300,872
Fees/Other	\$39,766
Churches	\$39,804
In-kind	\$39,294
Business	\$28,882

**TOTAL** \$1,142,878

## EXPENSES

Program	\$655,798
Administrative	\$120,080
Fundraising	\$139,784

**TOTAL** \$915,662

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Assets	\$1,469,610
Total Liabilities	\$39,512
Total Net Assets	\$1,430,098
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,469,610

## THANK YOU

to all the donors who  
 make it possible for  
 Hospitality House to  
 serve the kids and  
 families of North

Hospitality House is a nonprofit, Christ centered, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.  
 We strive to be good stewards of the funds that have been entrusted to us. Our  
 independently audited financial statements are available upon request.



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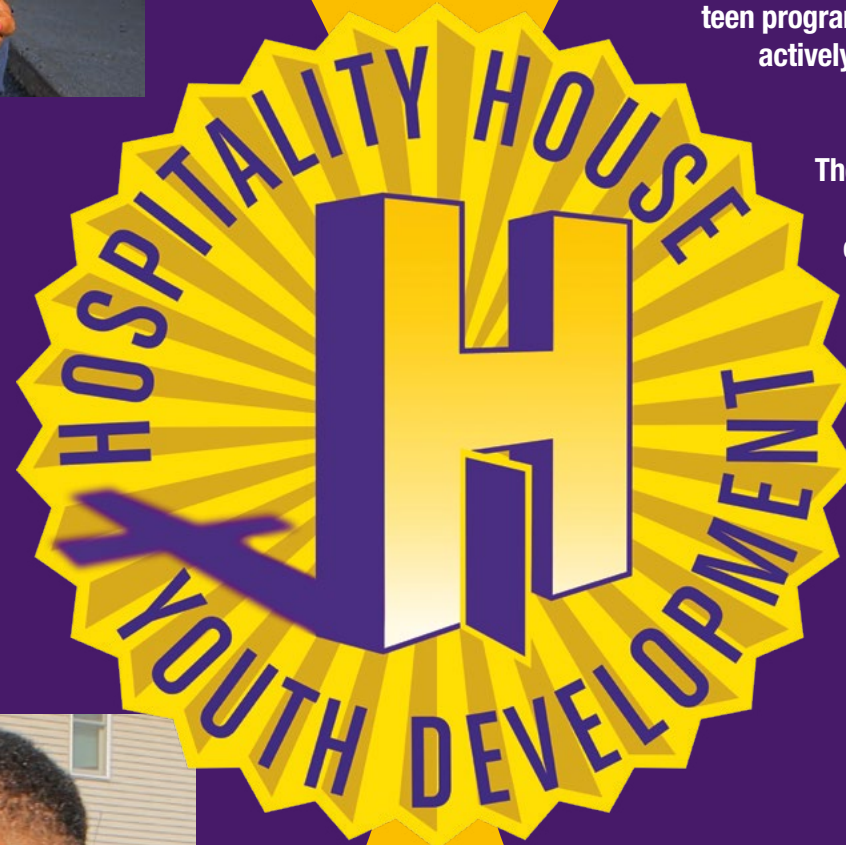




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REUNION



## Letter From Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

We live in uncertain times. In 2021 the COVID-19 pandemic continued to dominate the news and impact our daily lives. We are fortunate and grateful that our facility remained open throughout the majority of the year. Throughout our 61 years of existence (and counting), we have been a stable presence and we have always sought to meet the needs of our North Minneapolis community through our education, athletic, outreach, and family programs. It is perhaps more important than ever to help our youth prepare for post-secondary schools and the workforce, so that they may contribute meaningfully in a future world that will likely be quite different than it is today.

We know that as youth move from their early school years to adolescence, they prefer to spend time with their peer group and to spend less time with younger children. Building on our commitment to growing our teen program, we are creatively using the space within our facility to give teens their own area. We are also actively exploring options for expansion of our facility. We want our youth to remain a part our program through high school graduation and beyond.

The prophet Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." We are confident that when seeking God's will remains at the center of all we do, we will be successful. We are grateful that you have joined us in this effort. We ask for your continued prayers and support of our vision to provide opportunity for the young people in our community to reach their potential and become leaders of integrity.

Blessings to you,

*Tom Hagen*  
Tom Hagen





