

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

#### Mission

The St. Louis Park Emergency Program's mission is to identify, address and respond to the critical and emergency needs of residents in St. Louis Park.

#### **Geography and populations served**

STEP provides direct assistance and support services to residents of St. Louis Park, targeting households with low incomes and those faced with a financial crisis.

#### Program details

STEP served clients in need of assistance with our food, clothing, transportation, emergency financial assistance, and seasonal programs. In the 2014-15 fiscal year, STEP served 3,960 individuals—8% of the St. Louis Park population.

#### **Food Assistance**

STEP responds to the need for nutritional support and strives for a hunger free community.

In this fiscal year, STEP distributed 612,676 pounds of food over the course of 7,961 household food shelf visits. An average of 26 pounds of food was distributed to each individual in a household per visit. A total of 3,778 individuals were served by the food shelf during the year.

Program expense: \$1,310,915

#### **Clothes Closet**

STEP provides a variety of everyday, work, and seasonal clothing to residents at no cost.

In this fiscal year, STEP provided 7,977 bags of clothing, including 776 winter coats during our winter wear distribution.

Program expense: \$252,598

#### **Emergency Assistance**

STEP responds to eligible households with emergency financial support for housing stability and other essential life expenses.

In this fiscal year, \$34,845 was distributed to 42 households.

Program expense: \$61,912

#### Transportation

STEP provides residents in need of transportation assistance to access healthcare, social service, and food shelf visits with the volunteer drivers. In this fiscal year, drivers logged 7,570 miles over 1,601 rides. STEP also distributed \$3,480 in bus and gas certificates to 222 individuals.

Program expense: \$27,865

#### Back to School

STEP provides school supplies and backpacks to eligible students. In this fiscal year, STEP provided the full school list of supplies to 423 students. Program expense: \$30,591

#### Holiday Program

STEP provides toys or gift cards for eligible families with children to enable them to fully participate in the holiday season. In this fiscal year, STEP distributed toys or gift cards for 587 children.

Program expense: \$44,569



### FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### **INCOME STATEMENT Revenue Categories** July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Grants & Contracts. \$256,179 13% REVENUE \$2,015,705 -**EXPENSES** \$1,969,290 **NET CHANGE** \$46,415 **BALANCE SHEET Functional Expenses** As of June 30, 2015 \_Fundraising Administration \$56,312 \$184,528 3% 9% ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS \$339,298 **PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT** \$845,619 OTHER ASSETS \$260,989 TOTAL ASSETS \$1,445,906 LIABILITIES \$36,104 Formation of endowment funds

In January 2015, the Board of Directors approved the designation of a fund to function as an endowment managed by the Minnesota Community Foundation. The intent is for the annual distribution income from the funds to be used for core missions and operations. The Board of Directors retains the power to modify any endowment restriction through a two-thirds majority vote. The net asset composition of the endowment funds was \$250,989 as of June 30, 2015.

Gifts designated by donors for endowment purposes or significant estate or trust gifts are intended to be added to the endowment fund and serve to support STEP's mission over a long period of time.

## Hungry and Homeless, Hunger Solutions Minnesota, & Northwest Hennepin County Human Services Council.

Community Foundation, Open Your Heart to the

City of St. Louis Park, Beverly Foundation, Park Nicollet Foundation, General Mills Foundation, St, Louis Park

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS & KEY STAFF**

#### Board of Directors as of June 30, 2015

Significant financial support provided by

Sharon Abelson, Jason Alvey, Peggy Franson, Erin Gonzalez-Bardizinski\*, Steve Hallfin, Dave Homans, Cindy Motzko\*, Jennifer Ortale\*, Dick Parsons\*, Curt Rahman\*, Joy Sandler, Sue Santa, Camille Schroeder\*, Lee Snitzer, John Steffenhagen, Joe Tatalovich \* denotes Executive Committee/Officers

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\$1,409,802

#### Key staff as of June 30, 2015

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Jackie Olafson, Executive Director Julie Lapointe, Program Manager Adrienne Rochat, Business Manager