

Adopt A Home For Made In The Shade 2022

Our annual “walk, run, roll” will take place in person this year at Lake Bde Maka Ska on Saturday, September 17th. Join us for a morning of food, fellowship and fun to raise funds to meet needs and wishes at all of our Wingspan locations. Join us if you can (street parking is free) and look for our booth under the big tent at Thomas Beach.



Thank you to our current sponsors: Associated Bank, the Hamer Family, “In Loving Memory of Bob James,” the Horberg Family, the Landreville Family, Mark & Tracy Mooney, Angela & Ryan O’Neill, Our House of Minnesota, Inc., Residential Heating and Air, Inc., Jeff & Wendy Thames, John & Jan Thames, David & Jessica Widdifield, Curt Windingstad, Virginia Connors, and UCare. Thank you to our many individual donors as well.

Here are just some of the needs and wishes identified this year: Our 16th Avenue House would like funds for a weekend outing in Duluth. Oliver House and Wentworth House would like funds to go out to enjoy movies and plays. Skycroft House would love funds for weekend outings,

a fishing trip, and concerts. Our home at 91 ½ would like new patio furniture and Skillman House would like a new dining room set and a recliner for the living room. Sheridan House would like new cupboards. Glenpaul house would like plants and mulch for the yard next spring, funds for camp, Disney Plus subscription for the year, and blinds for the front windows. Our 1489 Hoyt House would like new dining room chairs, patio chairs, restaurant gift cards and York House would like a new patio set, new bedroom closet doors, and to have their ramp painted. Demont House Wishes include Camp Confidence, a gift certificate to the Drive-In in Taylor’s Falls, and a new kitchen table and chairs. Our 1250 Hoyt house wants a new deck and kitchen sink and Troseth House would like new living room furniture and curtains. Portland Avenue wants a new van. We are so very grateful for our donors!



You can donate to the general fund or to a specific home. You can also make a donation in honor or in memory of someone special. Every gift is meaningful and makes an impact.

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Thomas Beach - Lake Bde Maka Ska Event Schedule For September 17Th

9:30 AM Park on the street; check in at the big tent
10:00 AM Short program and sponsor shout-outs
10:20 AM Fitness warm up led by trainers from The Firm
10:30 AM Walk, Run and Roll shotgun start
11:00 AM-12:30PM Lunch and fun music by Showstoppers

Our Power Of Love Gala In June Was A Wonderful Success

Our Wings of Hope luncheon was filled with inspiration and music. If you weren't able to attend, our 30-minute video is on our website at www.wingspanlife.org and we encourage you to watch when you can. Thank you to all sponsors, donors, and auction contributors who helped us reach our \$100,00 event goal. We are grateful for all of the artists who painted the magnificent bird houses for the auction.



Reflecting on the past two years of the pandemic, Executive Director Therese Davis offered, "The inability to see and celebrate with family and friends, not being able to socialize, became disorienting for all of us. One thing that the cloud of a two-year pandemic has deeply reinforced for us is that people and relationships matter most in our lives. American researcher and author Brené Brown tells us "we are hard-wired to connect with others, it's what gives purpose to our lives and without it there is suffering." In her closing remarks, emcee Patty Peterson offered this call to action. "Bring love wherever you go. Shine light wherever it's dark. Leave blessings wherever you've been. Be kind wherever you are."

Save the date for Power of Love next year when we will have our 50-year anniversary celebration back at the Metropolitan Ballroom for dinner on Tuesday, May 28th.

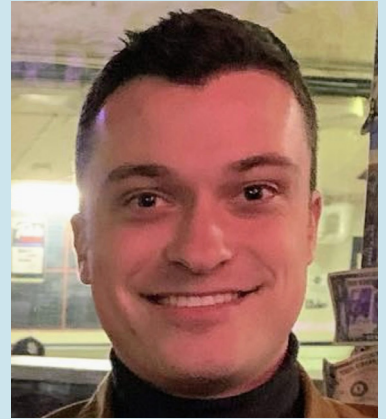
A New Community Partnership

We're excited to announce our new connection with Dual Citizen Brewery in St. Paul—a community-focused brewhouse. Stay tuned for special events to help us celebrate as we move toward our 50th anniversary. We're pleased to have been selected among many great organizations they support and promote. We'll plan a Trivia Night fundraiser and other events—maybe even a Beer Choir Night! We're looking forward to having fun in a great space, making new friends, reconnecting with old friends, and to creating greater awareness of our mission and needs.



A New Member Of Our Wingspan Family

Keller Karlstrom has joined the Development Department as our new Community Engagement Specialist. Keller will graduate from the University of North Dakota this Spring with a Public Affairs major and a Nonprofit Leadership minor. He will support Wingspan's fundraising activities and events, and will focus on volunteer resources and corporate and community outreach. Keller has received numerous awards for leadership, and was a past volunteer for Altru's Camp Good Morning -an organization supporting children and teens who have lost someone close to them. He enjoys sports (he's a big Patriots fan), fishing with his dad, and camping in the Boundary Waters. Keller also enjoys writing and reading.



Rake A Difference: We Need Volunteers



Fall is approaching quickly and one of our biggest volunteer needs will be yard clean up and raking. If your family, school, business, or group would like to help, we'll match you to your preferred location. We will supply the tools and the refreshments as well. Contact kkarlstrom@wingspanlife.org. Special thanks to our most recent volunteers from the Power Connection from Reformed Church of America. Students and leaders helped with weeding, mulching and raking at Aurora, Skillman House, Skycroft, 1250 Hoyt and 1489 Hoyt. We also thank family members from Woodbridge and Colfax.





Executive Director's Corner: All Shook UP... With Excitement!

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Though we continue to experience COVID positivity in clients and staff, we are slowly starting to resume a few in-person activities. Wingspan's summer picnic was canceled for the past two years, but we are gathering on August 31st at Highland Park Pavilion for a long overdue reunion of this treasured event. Our clients and staff are so excited to gather for a barbeque from Aesop's, Culver's custard sundaes, and the return of "Elvis" and his band for the sing-along that is always the picnic highlight. We're also happy that our Made in the Shade event will be in person this year on Saturday, September 17th from 10AM until Noon at Lake Bde Maka Ska with free food, entertainment, and photo ops with costumed characters from the Minnesota Super Heroes. Please join us if you can. Stay healthy and enjoy these fading days of summer. Therese Davis

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