



2021 Annual Report

A Year in Review

Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation

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Dear St. Anthony Park Neighbors:

The year 2021 presented many challenges to our shared home. At this two-year mark of a ravaging pandemic and ongoing struggle for racial and environmental justice across Planet Earth, we pause to say, "Thank You!" Thank you for your resilience and your enduring commitment to community. Thank you so much for your generous donations in 2021 to support community grants and foundation operations. We continue to be community-informed and always need more community members to serve on the board and committees!

In that spirit, I also thank my fellow board members for stepping up to be super volunteers in 2021 as we delved deep into the role and relevance of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation (SAPCF) after a quarter century of service in an ever-changing neighborhood. At its core, the SAPCF encourages and stewards charitable giving. The strategic renewal process also led us to re-embrace the foundation's other roles as neighborhood connector, convener, and catalyst working with and supporting other St. Anthony Park organizations to build and strengthen a sustainable, equitable, and diverse community.

Finally, I am thankful and so happy that in this difficult year behind us we found a new leader, Julie Drechsler, who came home to St. Anthony Park in November 2021, all the way from Australia. Julie, a native Minnesotan from Montevideo, attended college at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campus and moved Down Under after graduation. She raised her family in Hamilton, Victoria and worked in community and youth development. The pull of the Park brought her back; we're delighted to have her expertise and energy as executive director. The future is looking brighter already!

Sincerely & on behalf of the entire board,



Jane Leonard
Board Chair, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation

How we Convene, Catalyze & Steward

WE ARE COMMUNITY INFORMED AND DRIVEN.

WE CONNECT, CONVENE, AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD COLLABORATIVELY A SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE, AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

WE ARE A CATALYST AND A COMMUNICATOR, BRIDGING THE RESOURCES AND REALITIES OF TODAY TO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TOMORROW.

WE ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE GIVING THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, PRESERVING DONOR INTENT, AND HOLDING OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO THOSE WHO PLACE THEIR TRUST IN US.

SAINT ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

ANDY BOSS FUND	\$ 1,142,659
GERALD MCKAY FAMILY MUSIC FUND	\$ 83,519
PROVISIONAL FUND	\$ 6,269
SAP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 71,927

**A total of \$36,650 was
awarded in 2021 to 14
local community
organizations and
initiatives**

Community Grants

2021 awarded grants reflect our continued commitments to improving the environment, strengthening learning opportunities, enhancing livability and aging-in-place, supporting business vitality, and cultivating appreciation of the arts - all of which make Saint Anthony Park a more resilient and healthy community.



Langford Park Girls Hockey Program

Community Grants Recipients

Avalon School-Spring Play with Harry Waters, Jr.

Close Up Foundation-Civic Education for Low Income St. Paul Students

Keystone Community Services-Meals on Wheels and Doorstep Food Shelf Delivery

International Institute of Minnesota-English for Work Program

Langford Park Hockey-Girls' Hockey Program



Close Up Foundation Virtual Session

Community Grants Recipients

Minnesota Tool Library-Access Over Ownership

Minnesota Urban Debate League-Strengthening St. Paul Through Urban Debate

Park Bugle-Resilience Through Shared Stories

Transition Town-A Neighborhood-Based Response to the Climate Crisis

The Schubert Club-Julie Himmelstrup Music in the Park Series



Minnesota Tool Library



Urban Debate League (photo credit Kusi Photography / Reggie Agyen-Baoteng)

Community Grants Recipients

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors-General operation costs

Saint Anthony Park Co-op Preschool-Diversity & Inclusion Program

Saint Anthony Park Community Council-Home "Swift" Home: Chimney Swift Habitat in SAP

University of Minnesota Raport Center Murray School Partnership-a program to create awareness of and student engagement in environmental studies.



The Schubert Club- The Dover Quartet at the Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ

Community Grants Recipients



Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors



Saint Anthony Park Co-op
Preschool

Jon Schumacher E2 Scholarship

Hser Hser Poh, a 2021 graduate of Como Park High School, was awarded the Jon Schumacher E2 Scholarship by the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation. This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a senior graduating from an SPPS high school who is an alum of Murray Middle School's Environmental Education (E2) program and has built on pathways to post-secondary success that are nurtured in E2.

Hser Hser Poh is an immigrant to Minnesota born in Thailand and the oldest of four siblings. During high school she participated in sports, volunteered at church, and worked to help support her family. She will continue her education to become a dentist. She will be the first in her family to attend college.

Congratulations, Hser Hser Poh.



Spirit of the Park Award

The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation awarded Molly Breen and the St. Anthony Park Community Nursery School the 2021 Spirit of the Park Award at the 4th in the Park Celebration.

Molly Breen is the quintessential community leader and "fabric" of the SAP community. Her tireless work, vision, and planning as the Owner/Director of the St. Anthony Park Community Nursery School, provides a truly magical experience for young children. The thought, innovation, and holistic community-based approach she and her teachers take in preparing the curriculum and activities, extend out into the community in so many different ways.

Additionally, her thoughtfulness in communication to the SAPCNS Community, demonstration of equity and inclusion, and her warm, open, and caring humanity make Molly Breen a true SAP community treasure. Thank you and congratulations to Molly and the whole team at St. Anthony Park Community Nursery School.



Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting was held on January 26th, 2022 with over fifty community members attending the virtual event. Board Chair Jane Leonard and Vice Chair Seth Levin reviewed the strategic renewal process that the board and key community stakeholders completed mid-2021.

Changing demographics, fragmented communications, coordination challenges and competing donor contribution and funding opportunities are some of the realities and challenges facing our community and local community organizations.

These realities led the Foundation board to consider how it can continue to support an evolving community while continuing to support established organizations and initiatives that sustain Saint Anthony Park vitality. The Foundation will do so by concentrating on three focus areas: **Convene** - bringing the community together; **Catalyze** - actively creating connections and partnerships; and **Steward** - growing the endowment to further support the community through the annual grant round.

The annual meeting also featured a series of community conversations including a business panel highlighting three local and recently established businesses: Ciceron, Next Level Training Wellness and Fitness and Studio Karlor. Four past grant recipients shared their project stories: the Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ), the International Institute, Transition Town ASAP, and the University of Minnesota Raptor Center -- which included a visit with one of its resident owls, Ricky, to explain the importance of its Murray Middle School partnership that creates awareness of and student engagement in environmental studies.



Our Financials

INCOME:

PUBLIC SUPPORT:	\$ 33,236
FUND TRANSFER:	\$ 10,000
OTHER DONATION:	\$ 1,000
INTEREST:	\$ 4

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 44,240

EXPENSES:

ADVERTISING:	\$ 498
BANK CHARGES:	\$ 130
SUPPLIES:	\$ 300
PAYROLL FEES:	\$ 62
STAFFING EXPENSES:	\$ 5,966
CONTRACTING FEE:	\$ 2,800
PRINTING/MAILING:	\$ 2,739
ST. PAUL FOUNDATION FEES:	\$ 9,755
TECHNOLOGY:	\$ 666

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$22,916

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