

THE link



BUILDING SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES WITH YOUTH
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

THE LINK FOUNDERS: JIM MARSHALL & OSCAR REED



MISSION

The Link's mission is to build a supportive community network that links youth and their families to their inner strength through life skills, education, advocacy, supportive housing, and a dynamic network of social services to transform lives.

VISION

Our vision is for a future in which supportive communities nurture confident, happy and secure youth.

HISTORY

The Link was founded in 1991 by former Vikings players Jim Marshall and Oscar Reed, who started the organization with the help of the late Leonard Lindquist in the North Minneapolis public housing projects with the goal of providing at-risk and homeless youth within the neighborhood alternatives to getting involved in crime or being victimized by crime. The Link has evolved into a multi-service program provider with housing and supportive services for homeless youth and young families, juvenile justice programming and housing, shelter and programming for victims of sex trafficking.

Goals of all The Link Programming

- Youth sustain a positive lifestyle, through realizing their innate health and value
- Youth are self-reliant and advocate for themselves
- Youth have meaningful connections to adults, peers, family and community

VALUES which allow The Link to meet these goals:

- Intentional, respectful relationships that foster change
- Innovative and strategic thinking
- Integrity and accountability commutty collaboration

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In 2015, The Link operated 18 programs including: supportive housing throughout the 7 county metro area, juvenile justice programming and programming for victims of sex trafficking. Annually, The Link serves 3,300 of our community's most vulnerable youth and young families to build the skills and resiliency they need to thrive.

During 2015, The Link opened 3 new programs (C.O.R.E., Street Outreach and ERC South), increased its fundraising and development capacity and employed over 54 youth through leadership and employment opportunities.

2016 will mark a milestone year of 25 years of providing innovative services to youth and young families in our community. In this report you will learn more about The Link's innovative, trauma-informed programming; the youth and young families we are committed to serving; and what we have been able to accomplish because of supporters like you. Your support for The Link's programming is instrumental as we continue to provide increased opportunities for youth in our community for the next 25 years!



The Link's biannual Founders Luncheon (2015 event shown above) is one of the many events hosted by The Link each year to help raise awareness and financial support for The Link's programming. Events in 2015 raised over \$106,00.



A Letter from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends of The Link,

I am writing this letter with great appreciation and thanks for all of your support throughout 2015 and beyond! We truly could not do the work of supporting young people in our community without all of the great partnerships and support from you!



2015 was another great year and one of growth at The Link. We successfully opened our new Evening Reporting Center in Richfield for boys on probation within Hennepin County and increased our programming for young families experiencing homelessness through our Young Families Program. As we know, young people who are getting involved in crime often do so because they are struggling with other things in their lives such as poverty, childhood abuse or neglect. The goal with all of our juvenile justice programs, including the Evening Reporting Centers is to help young people overcome the underlying causes of their involvement in juvenile crime, and help support and empower them to follow their goals in a positive direction. Parenting is a gift, but can be incredibly difficult if you are experiencing homelessness-it is heartbreaking to see young mothers and fathers doing the best that they can to provide for their children but still having to resort to living out of vehicles, abandoned buildings or worse. The Link was happy to be able to increase our programming by creating a specialized housing program (The Young Families Program) to help young families experiencing homelessness by providing them with stable housing and supportive services.



Throughout our growth we continue to provide high quality, youth centered programming. The Link approached 25 years of service in the Twin Cities Metro Area, which is truly something to celebrate. Over the last 25 years The Link has become known for its innovative, client driven, supportive programming as well as for its community engagement and involvement in providing the best services in the continuum of care for youth in this community.



Thank you so much for your support over the last year, we truly appreciate all that you do to help us continue to do the work that we do!



Sincerely,

Beth Holger-Ambrose

Beth Holger-Ambrose
Executive Director



Passageways Youth Story

One of the youth that our Safe Harbor Regional Navigator and Passageways staff worked with in 2015, was a 14 year old girl from Minneapolis who had been in and out of multiple out-of-home placements, lived in poverty and suffered many other traumas. After having reached out to us, wjshe was recruited by a trafficker and he had her on a bus to a different state to be “put to work”. Because she had built up the relationships with our staff she was able to reach out and reported that this was happening and that she was extremely scared. The Passageways staff then alerted the Minneapolis Police Department and they, along with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, were able to find and stop the bus that she was on and bring her back safely to Minneapolis. She is now a resident of our Passageways Emergency Shelter & Housing Program and getting the supports she needs to heal and move on with the positive goals she has for herself.



During 2015, The Link was honored to host the West Metro Safe Harbor conference in collaboration with GEMS . This event was hosted in an effort to educate Scott, Carver and Hennepin Counties on the State's Safe Harbor Laws and No Wrong Door response, to develop a comprehensive, systemic response to sex trafficking and exploitation of youth. Representatives from a wide variety of sectors gathered to receive training on topics related to sexual exploitation and developed a comprehensive plan to identify and address sex trafficking in their communities.



WHAT'S NEW

- C.O.R.E. (Community, Outreach, Resources and Engagement) Drop In Center provides a place where youth who are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness can get help with basic needs (food, clothes, shower, laundry, etc.) and connections to case management and longer term services such as housing.
- The Street Outreach Program extends resources and services to youth who are experiencing sexual exploitation, living on the streets or in shelters and/or couch hopping outside the walls of the C.O.R.E center.
- The Link opened a second Evening Reporting Center- ERC South. The Evening Reporting Centers are alternatives to detention, community-based programs for males ages 14 to 18 on probation in Hennepin County. The highly structured, group programming offers services designed to build assets in youth while providing positive activities during times that are highest for youth crime and victimization.
- The Link's youth VOICE committee began to design a gender specific, trauma informed program for probation involved girls age 12 to 19 called POWER (Positive Opportunities for Women of Every Race).
- The Link is an innovative provider of youth leadership opportunities. In 2015, 54 youth were employed by The Link. Youth Leadership opportunities added in 2015 included the Project Live Out Loud Youth Advisory Committee and the VOICE Advisory Committee.

YEAR IN REVIEW



QUICK FACTS

- 2093 youth served in 2015 by all three divisions (Juvenile Justice, Housing and Homeless Services, Safe Harbor)
- 100% of youth and young families served are low income
- 89% of youth and young families served identify as African American, Native American, Hispanic, Southeast Asian or Multi-Racial
- 42 infants and toddlers were served in the Young Families Program
- 202 youth & young families served through housing programs in 2015
- 15 added units of housing for LGBTQ youth
- The School Matters truancy intervention program served 267 Minneapolis public school students to help improve school attendance
- 85 victims of sexual exploitation served in 2015
- 54 youth employed by The Link
- 41 parents & families served in the Parent Support Program
- 110 youth served in the Evening Reporting Centers providing an alternative to detention
- 1,775 youth were served through the Juvenile Supervision Center to help avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system
- 267 Minneapolis Public School students improved attendance in the School Matters Program

2015 Budget

\$5.77 Million

The Link Leadership

Board of Directors (13 members)
The Link's Community Advisory (8 Board Members)
Safe Harbor Advisory Board
Lindquist Advisory Board
Dakota County Advisory Board
4 Youth Advisory Committees

- Survivor Advisory Committee
- Insight Committee
- Project Live Out Loud Committee
- VOICE Advisory Committee

The Link Staff and Volunteers

75 Full Time Staff
90 Part Time and On Call Staff
150 Volunteers

Program Sites

Downtown and North Minneapolis
Hennepin County Suburbs: Richfield, Brooklyn Park
Dakota County: Eagan, Apple Valley
Scott/Carver County: Prior Lake
Scattered Site Housing Programs based in North Minneapolis but serve the 7-county Metro Area.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

2015 Program Information and Statistics

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Link has six programs that provide support to young people who are at-risk or who are currently involved in the juvenile justice system. Programs provide an alternative response to the juvenile justice system for youth- with the understanding that if young people have their basic needs met, positive support and access to services to help them with the hardships they experience-they will be less likely to be involved in criminal activity. School Matters specifically helps youth who have been truant to get back into school, stay in school, and helps prevent them from dropping out. The Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC) provides a safe place for law enforcement to drop off youth 24/7 who have committed low level or status offenses, or who have been sexually exploited, in order to receive supportive services. The Evening Reporting Centers (ERCs) provide supportive services and structured group programming for youth who have committed higher level offense and are referred through Hennepin County Probation. A culturally specific program for African American parents of youth who are in the JSC or School Matters Program is also available to provide support, assistance with basic needs, and parenting skills education.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Evening Reporting Center (ERC)

72% of youth completed goals in their action plans
97% connected with one or more pro-social activities
32 youth graduated from the ERC programs

Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC)

84% of youth did not re-enter JSC within 6 months of visit
80% of youth decreased high risk behavior
95% of case management youth unenrolled in school at time of JSC visit were subsequently enrolled in school

School Matters

60% of youth referred to the program actively engaged in School Matters program
94% enrolled in school
52% improved school attendance
100% developed and maintained relationships with positive, caring adults

Parent Support Program

41 parents participated in the Parent Support Program
86% of parents increased their support networks
86% of parents were connected to appropriate resources



The Link's Juvenile Justice programming offers positive youth development and trauma informed activities each week and during out of school time. Activities in 2015 included creating a youth garden, and trips to the Minnesota Zoo, Vertical Endeavors, Farmer's Market, Minnetonka Apple Orchard, Big Thrill Factory and more.

In 2015, The Link opened C.O.R.E. (Community, Outreach, Resources and Engagement) Drop In Center which provides a place where youth who are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness can get help with basic needs (food, clothes, shower, laundry, etc.) and connections to case management and longer term services such as housing. C.O.R.E. and the Street Outreach Program are located in Apple Valley at Grace Lutheran Church.



HOUSING

2015 Program Information and Statistics

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Link offers a continuum of programs for youth and young families who are experiencing homelessness which include a Street Outreach Program, a Drop-In Center (C.O.R.E.) and five housing programs. The Link's Street Outreach Program and C.O.R.E. Drop-In Center help to identify at-risk and homeless youth and assist them with any current crisis or immediate needs; C.O.R.E. also provides on-going services to help youth move out of crisis. The Link operates five housing programs across the Twin Cities Metro Area (with a total of 143 units) for youth and young families who are homeless. The Young Families Program includes housing and services designed specifically to serve young parents and their children. All of The Link's housing programs provide a safe and stable place for youth to live, along with the support and services they need to achieve their goals and transition out of homelessness.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

During the 2015 calendar year, The Link's housing programs served a combined total of 202 youth-headed households.

Young Families

42 infants and toddlers were served
All families that needed supplies were provided with diapers, clothing and toys
100% of children met their developmental milestones

C.O.R.E. & Street Outreach

C.O.R.E. opened in July 2015
24 youth were served
35 drop-in visits
Expanded our days/hours to be open more often
Became the youth access point through the Housing Crisis Line in October.

SAFE HARBOR

2015 Program Information and Statistics

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Link's Safe Harbor Programs operate in partnership with the state of Minnesota's No Wrong Door Response for Sexually Exploited Youth, which was created in response to Minnesota's Safe Harbor Law. The Link provides a continuum of services for sexually exploited youth that includes the West Metro Regional Navigator Program, which provides a first point of contact; crisis intervention and on-going mobile services; the Passageways Emergency Shelter and Housing Program, which provide a safe place for victims of trafficking between the ages of 13 and 24 to live while receiving specialized services; mental health therapy and family reunification counseling; and aftercare services.

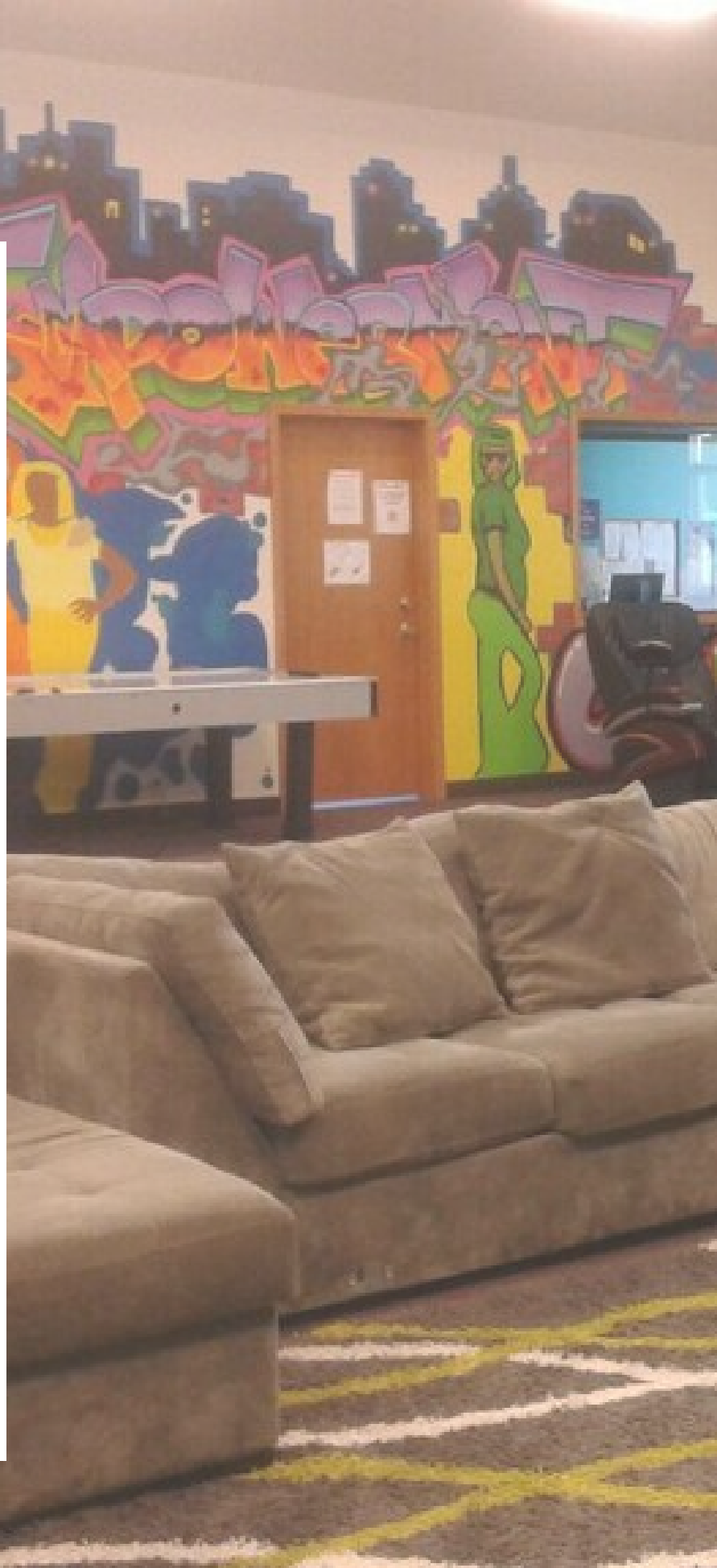
PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Link's Safe Harbor Division is the largest provider of specialized programming for youth who have experienced sexual exploitation in Minnesota. Safe Harbor programming served over 85 youth in 2015.

42 sex trafficked youth avoided being sent to juvenile detention and instead came to a safe place where they received supportive services through Passageways Emergency Shelter

6 residents were served in the Safe Harbor Supportive Housing Program with access to on-site services specific to sexual exploitation. Services include case management, mental health therapy, educational programming, life skills training, a survivor mentor program, health care services and positive youth development activities.

8 youth were provided with leadership and employment experience and advancement through the Survivor Advisory Committee



All of our Safe Harbor programs are specifically designed to help youth heal from the trauma of being sex trafficked, and support them in achieving the positive goals they have for themselves and their future.

THE LINK'S '15 FINANCES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$266,912
Accounts receivable	\$33,280
Contracts and grants receivable	654,363
Prepaid expenses	61,352
Total current assets	1,015,907

Property and equipment	1,571,922
Less accumulated depreciation	340,704

Other assets	2,638
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Total assets	2,249,763
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:	
Current position of long-term debt	\$35,623
Line of Credit	100,000
Capital lease payable, current position	2,882
Accounts payable	178,020
Accrued interest, payroll, and other	300,647
Total current liabilities	617,172

Capital lease payable, net of current portion	2,963
Long-term debt, net of current portion	399,283

Total Liabilities	1,019,418
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Net assets:	
Unrestricted	960,845
Temporarily restricted	269,500

Total net assets	1,230,345
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,249,763
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS for years ended December 31

REVENUES AND SUPPORT	2014	2015
Contributions		
Individuals	\$87,477	\$108,538
Corporations and Foundations	389,404	444,267
Total contributions	476,881	552,805

Government contracts		
Federal (HUD)	603,553	599,593
State of Minnesota	477,864	1,370,133
Hennepin County	1,346,954	1,697,501
Ramsey County	32,130	136,476
Dakota County	102,000	114,444
Hennepin and Dakota County - MHFA	175,000	175,000
City of Minneapolis	250,423	262,167
GRH	596,577	622,530
Intermediate District 287	28,600	34,200
Total government contracts	3,613,101	5,012,044

Interest and dividend income	381	44
In-kind contributions	69,210	100,715
Events, net of direct expenses	52,475	109,441
Other	4,997	2,755
Total revenues and support	4,217,045	5,777,804

EXPENSES

Program services	\$3,706,061	\$5,036,557
Management and general	300,827	557,473
Marketing, development and communications	122,014	160,921
Total expenses	4,128,902	5,754,951

Change in net assets	88,143	22,853
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Net assets, beginning	1,119,349	1,207,492
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Net assets, ending	1,207,492	1,230,345
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TOTAL EXPENSES

JSC	12.0%
ERC	8.0%
School Matters	6.0%
Lindquist	6.0%
Lincoln Place	7.0%
RRH	10.0%
GRH-Housing First	11.0%
Young Families	1.0%
C.O.R.E.	1.0%
Outreach	1.0%
Safe Harbor	24.0%

THANK YOU DONORS!

The Link thanks the following supporters for their generous contributions

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- The number of individual donors increased from 408 in 2014 to 513 in 2015
- The quantity of in-kind donations increased from 158 in 2014 to 285 in 2015
- Event funding increased by \$53,962. (\$52,475 in 2014 and \$106,437 in 2015)
- More than 150 volunteers donated their time for a total of 1900+ hours
- Staff raised over \$17,000 for The Link during Give to the Max Day

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