

Strengthening  
our community...  
*together*

2018  
REPORT TO  
THE COMMUNITY



# because of you...

and your generous support, our neighbors have access to programs that stabilize and enrich their lives. 2017 brought many challenges for Keystone and our St. Paul community. Throughout these challenging times, we are **grateful for people like you who join with us around a common vision** — one where individuals, youth, families and seniors in our community have the resources and skills they need to live with hope and dignity — because **together we make our community stronger**.

Thank you for your steadfast support and investment in Keystone Community Services.

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The mission of Keystone Community Services is to strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

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Look what  
*you made possible*  
in 2017



35,339 neighbors  
SUPPORTED BY KEYSTONE PROGRAMS



OVER  
2.3 million  
POUNDS OF  
HEALTHY FOOD  
DISTRIBUTED



7,314 hours  
teens spent gaining work readiness skills  
through paid apprenticeships



\$87,121 in crisis funds  
given to help families through  
emergencies



31,969 smiles  
AND MEALS ON WHEELS  
DELIVERED



1,390 activities  
offered to keep  
older adults engaged

293 youth  
regularly participated in programs  
to help them learn and grow



1 NEW BEST BUY  
TEEN TECH CENTER  
OPENED





**Senior Services:** Connection,  
Support and Independence

Caring for a loved one who is ill is never easy, but Gordon has always been happy to care for his wife, Peggy. When her diabetes became more unmanageable, he found himself struggling to navigate a confusing array of health and financial services. They were relieved to get connected with Holly, one of Keystone's highly trained senior services case managers. Over the last 4 years, Holly has assisted Gordon and Peggy with everything from obtaining needed medical supplies and understanding complicated paperwork to helping the couple move into an assisted living apartment after Peggy had a debilitating stroke. Gordon is immensely grateful that Holly is just a phone call away. *"I would be totally lost if I didn't have Holly,"* he says. *"She makes things so much easier to understand. And just knowing she's there helps calm me down. We have total confidence in her and the most important thing is that she listens and she cares."*

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didn't have Holly  
and Keystone."  
- Gordon*



*"We need help and many of us can't get to the food shelf so we are very fortunate that they come to our door."  
– Ruby*

### **Food Shelf Services:** Healthy Food and Stabilizing Support

Ruby, 67, has always been a budget-conscious person, but a limited budget can only be stretched so far. A hard worker who enjoyed owning her own townhome, Ruby now lives in affordable housing on a fixed income after breaking her ankle and being diagnosed with lupus among other healthy challenges. All of that change hasn't been easy, but Ruby makes the best of things. She strives to make her community better, often by bringing people together around home-cooked meals.

That's why she appreciates Keystone's Foodmobile. Once a month, the Foodmobile stops right outside Ruby's building and she, and many other residents, are there to meet it.


*"I really appreciate that the Foodmobile always has necessities like onions and potatoes and rice and beans," she says. "Without that help, I don't know what a lot of people here would do because they don't have much money left after paying bills. Seeing that bus brings a smile to a lot of people's faces because they know they can make it for the rest of the month."*





## Youth Services: Success in School, Community and Work

If you're looking for Kendra, you're likely to find her curled up with a book. That wasn't always the case. As a kindergartener attending the Keystone Community Kids after-school program at the West 7th Community Center, Kendra always liked to look at pictures in books. But being asked to read upset her. Little by little, her teachers encouraged her to pick out books that interested her and give reading a try. She did and, buoyed by her success, she practiced more and more. Now, two years later, Kendra is reading well beyond her second-grade level. When Community Kids' literacy volunteers come to the Center each day to read with the children, Kendra can hardly wait to get started. *"I like to be the first one who gets to read with Miss Marilyn. I like how if I get a word wrong she always helps us get it right,"* Kendra says.

A young girl with long black braids, smiling and holding a red book bin labeled "Little Critter" in a library setting. The background shows shelves filled with books and a blue and white checkered cloth.

*"I like Miss Marilyn because she makes me feel happy every time she comes to read with me."*  
- Kendra



# *your investment* provides stabilizing support

In 2017, it cost \$5,580,602 to offer the programs and services at Keystone that are critical to thousands of people in our community.

Together with thousands of donors, **we raised \$5,749,827** which ensures our neighbors **have access to vital, stabilizing support** through Keystone.

## **Thank you!**

We are so thankful for the generous gifts from individuals, foundations, faith communities, businesses and community groups who support our mission. Our complete 2017 financial information and list of donors can be found in our Annual Report on our website.

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**1,331 donors made financial gifts to Keystone.**



**2,731 volunteers donated 34,164 hours supporting neighbors.**



**43 people became Keystone Community Builders, sustaining our work with a monthly donation.**



**Donors contributed more than 2,000 bikes to Keystone's Express Bike Shop, providing funding for our youth employment programs.**

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