Solid Ground prevents and ends homelessness through housing, resources and opportunity. Come see what we're all about at one of our monthly Home At Last Tours!

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Molly Jungbauer, Chair of the Solid Ground Board of Directors, recognizes Trisha Kauffman for her 20 years of service.

20 Year Anniversary for Executive Director!

This year marks Trisha Kauffman's 20th Anniversary as Executive Director of Solid Ground! In her time with Solid Ground, the organization has grown significantly, expanding the East Metro Place building, introducing new scattered-site housing programs and strengthening the support that we provide families including additional youth tutoring, employment and education support, and innovative programs like our Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills-training program. Under her leadership Solid Ground has also received various local and national awards, changed its name (from East Metro Women's Council in
2013) and started an organizational endowment to ensure that Solid Ground will be here as a community resource for years to come.

According to Trisha, "It has been an honor and an absolute joy to work for Solid Ground the past 20 years. The work is both challenging and rewarding, and the staff and volunteers are so dedicated to our mission. There is still so much to do, and I look forward to continuing to partner with others to meet the needs of homeless families in our community."

On behalf of the over 3,000 children, women and men who have been served by Solid Ground, we want to congratulate Trisha on this milestone anniversary and thank her for her service!

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**Thank you volunteers!**

April is National Volunteer Month, and to celebrate the work of all of our wonderful volunteers, Solid Ground hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 6th. In 2016, nearly 300 volunteers gave over 6,500 hours of their time to Solid Ground in support of our mission to prevent and end homelessness for families. Volunteers play such an important role in the work that Solid Ground that we truly cannot thank them enough. And, a big thanks to Donatelli’s for donating the delicious dinner and all of the Solid Ground residents who helped serve dinner!

At the dinner, we honored Vicki Slagle as Solid Ground's 2016 Volunteer of the Year. Vicki has served the families of Solid Ground in a variety of roles, including as a front desk volunteer, Girls Club leader and Table Captain. Last year alone Vicki volunteered over 200 hours of her time with us! We are so grateful to have Vicki's warmth, positivity and dedication working for our families. Thank you, Vicki!

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**Every Family Needs a Home Breakfast: May 3rd**

It's time for our annual Every Family Needs a Home Breakfast on Wednesday, May 3rd from 8-9am at Jimmy's Event Center in Vadnais Heights. The breakfast brings together over 300 community members to raise funds in support of Solid Ground's mission to prevent and end homelessness for families. The event is free to attend and features speakers, entertainment, a testimonial and a call for giving. It's a truly inspirational morning and we hope you can join us! RSVP to mchung@solidgroundmn.org to reserve your spot!

**Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday, April 11** - Join us for a Home At Last Tour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about Solid Ground! Reserve your spot with an RSVP to mchung@solidgroundmn.org or 651-846-9027.
- **Wednesday, May 3** - Our annual Every Family Needs a Home Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. at Jimmy's Event Center in Vadnais Heights.
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