

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

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Solid Ground E-Newsletter

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Boys Club and Girls Club: More than just horsing around!

One of the favorite activities of the kids at Solid Ground is Boys Club and Girls Club. These are gender specific groups for ages 9 to 15 that meet monthly for excursions and adventures. The groups are led by dedicated volunteers who build relationships with the kids over the course of the year, or in the case of most of them, over the course of several years. This September, Boys Club returned to the Madline Horsemanship Clinic in Stillwater where they got to ride and learn about horses. We want to thank Willie Madline and his crew for so graciously hosting our groups for the past several years! And we also want to thank our wonderful Boys Club and Girls Club volunteers for giving our kids experiences they may otherwise not have the opportunity to have!

Solid Ground has a variety of volunteer positions working with kids. In addition to our Boys Club and Girls Club volunteers, we need volunteers to help with childcare and after-school tutoring on a weekly basis. We are also still recruiting mentors for our new mentoring program. This program will focus on building one-on-one, positive relationships between adult mentors and middle and high school students. Mentors will spend time weekly with a student for 10 months or longer, planning outings based around the young person's strengths and interests.

Get your tickets to the *Bring It Home* Dinner & Auction!

Solid Ground's 5th Annual [Bring It Home Dinner & Auction](#) is coming up on Friday, October 26th at Dellwood Country Club and you won't want to miss it! The evening will feature wonderful silent and live auctions and an inspiring program. For the first time this year we will have a "Golden Ticket" Raffle where a limited number of Golden Tickets will be sold for \$150 each. The prize? *Your choice of one of our fabulous [live auction items!](#)* Don't miss this fun evening of supporting your favorite cause! [Tickets are on sale now](#) through October 12th and are \$75 each or \$750 for a table of 10.



Thank you to our event sponsors: Duffy Development Company, APi Group Inc., Amy & Jeff Jones, Premier Banks, Steve Goranson Video, TitleSmart Inc., Keys Cafe in White Bear Lake, Gentry Academy, Harrington Langer & Associates, White Bear Lincoln and Xcel Energy!



Where do your candidates stand on affordable housing?

Elections are less than a month away, so it is a great time to let your candidates know that housing is important to you by sharing these facts and questions with candidates that knock on your door or during public events:

- **Fact:** More than 1 in 4 Minnesotans (nearly 550,000 families) spend more than 30% of their income on housing. **Ask:** *What will you do to increase affordable housing options so families can focus on work, school, and health?*
- **Fact:** Statewide, there is a deficit of 92,439 affordable housing units available for Minnesotans at the lowest incomes. Lack of affordable housing is one of the top reasons Minnesotans experience homelessness. **Ask:** *What local, state, or federal resources will you target to address homelessness in Minnesota and Minnesota's affordable housing shortage?*

And of course, be sure to vote! Election Day is November 6, with early voting through November 5. Visit mnvotes.org for more information.

Donation Opportunity: Mixing Bowls

We are currently in need of mixing bowls! Also needed are pillows, knife sets and pot and pan sets. Donations can be dropped off at our office and are accepted Monday through Friday from 8 to 4:30 p.m. Detailed directions can be found [here](#).

A complete list of household items that we accept can be found [here](#).



From the Solid Ground Blog: Tutoring at Solid Ground

"When I started at Solid Ground about a year ago, I was expecting to hear that most of the students enrolled in the Solid Ground Tutoring Program disliked it. After all, how many kids really like tutoring after they've been in school all day? To my surprise, the kids here at Solid Ground absolutely love tutoring!" Read more from Solid Ground Learning Coordinator



Upcoming Events

- **[Home at Last Tour](#)** - Tuesdays, October 9th and November 13th at 5:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about Solid Ground's housing programs first-hand. RSVP to reserve your spot to tours@solidgroundmn.org
- **[Bring It Home Dinner & Auction](#)** - Friday, October 26th at Dellwood Country Club. Get your tickets now for this fun evening supporting of our mission! [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets by Friday, October 12th!
- **Solid Ground Office Closed** - November 12th for Veteran's Day and November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.