

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!](#)



Make a Gift

Solid Ground E-Newsletter November 2018



Coming Together at Thanksgiving

The long told story of Thanksgiving is not only one expressing gratitude but also of people of different backgrounds and cultures coming together. At Solid Ground, we want to be sure to celebrate both. This Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the opportunity to work with the resilient children and parents that come to Solid Ground, for the lessons that we learn from them every day, and for the many ways the community supports this work.

From the Solid Ground Blog:
Beyond Hiawatha, Need for
Affordable Housing is Everywhere



shelter and affordable housing in our area. Some people are moved to bring food and clothing to those in need, or to get involved in other ways to find housing for those living in the camps. Others may drive on by, or see the camps as a nuisance, or simply as a shame but also a condition that does not impact them or their community directly. Nothing could be farther from the truth."

Read more from Solid Ground Executive Director Trisha Cummins Kauffman on the [Solid Ground Blog](#).



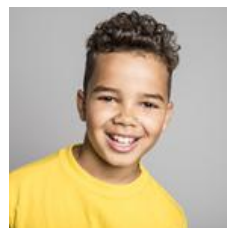
Bring It Home Dinner & Auction Success!

A big thanks to everyone who attended our *Bring It Home* Dinner & Auction which raised \$140,000 in support of our mission to prevent and end homelessness for families! The evening featured fabulous auctions, an exciting Golden Ticket raffle and an inspiring testimonial from one of our inspiring Solid Ground residents. Check out our [pictures on Facebook](#) and be sure to mark your calendar for next year's event on Friday, October 11, 2019. You won't want to miss it!

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](#)!

Mentors Needed!

We are 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. Mentors must be at least 25 years old. Please consider this rewarding volunteer opportunity and contact volunteer@solidgroundmn.org or 651-846-9024 for more information.



Donation Opportunity: Toasters

We are currently in need of toasters! Also needed are other small kitchen appliances such as coffeemakers, blenders and hand-mixers. 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](#).

Upcoming Events

- **Solid Ground Office Closed** - November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.
- **[Santa Shop gift collection and distribution](#)** - New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off during office hours or by appointment from December 3rd through December 13th. The Santa Shop will take place on December 14th and 15th. Contact volunteer@solidgroundmn.org for more information.
- **[Home at Last Tour](#)** - Tuesday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about Solid Ground's housing programs first-hand. RSVP to reserve your spot to