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Solid Ground E-Newsletter    December 2018



## Happy Holidays from Solid Ground!

As the saying goes, there's no place like home for the holidays and the families at Solid Ground certainly know how true that is! A home is fundamental to every aspect of our lives, not only does it protect us from the elements, it is the place where we love and care for our family and friends, creating traditions and memories that we carry with us throughout our lives. We are honored to provide a home and support to families at Solid Ground, not only this holiday season and but all throughout the year.

The holidays are a busy time of year at Solid Ground. On December 4th, we celebrated the season with families in all of our housing programs at our annual resident holiday party. Families enjoyed dinner, games, crafts, cookie decorating, face painting, balloon artists, fun gifts for parents, and family photographs - it was a night filled with fun! We want to thank Redeemer Lutheran Church and our incredible volunteers for making this special evening possible!

Coming up, we are looking forward to our Santa Shop (see details below on how you can get involved!) and our tutoring holiday party where students and tutors get to celebrate together. It's sure to be a festive rest of the month at Solid Ground. Ho, ho, ho!



## Donation Opportunity: Toys and gifts!

On December 14th and 15th, our Community Room will be transformed into the Solid Ground Santa Shop -a holiday store stocked with donated gifts and toys where parents can experience the pride of picking out the perfect present for their child. We welcome financial contributions, gift cards or donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children or adults. For a list of gift ideas, check out our [Holiday Wish List](#). Please only bring new items, as we are trying to give our families the experience of shopping at a store. You can drop off your gifts at Solid Ground during our business hours of 8am through 4:30pm from now through Thursday, December 13th or by appointment by calling 651-846-9024 or 651-846-9031. Thanks for helping make the holidays merry!

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## 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](mailto:volunteer@solidgroundmn.org) or 651-846-9024 for more information.



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## Year End giving with appreciated stock and IRAs

The final days to make tax-deductible contributions for 2018 are approaching. If you are interested in making a donation from your IRA or a gift of appreciated stock, we encourage you to contact your financial advisor and to contact Mary Chung, Development Director, at 651-846-9027 or [mchung@solidgroundmn.org](mailto:mchung@solidgroundmn.org).

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## Upcoming Events

- [Santa Shop gift collection](#) - Weekdays now through and 13th. New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off on these dates during office hours or by appointment. For a list of items that we are looking for, [click here](#).
- [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 [tours@solidgroundmn.org](mailto:tours@solidgroundmn.org).
- **Santa Shop** - Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th. There are still a couple of [volunteer opportunities](#) available!
- **Solid Ground Office Closed** - afternoon of December 24 and all day December 25th for the Christmas Holiday and Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.
- **Last day to make tax-deductible contributions for 2018** - Monday, December 31st by midnight! You can make a donation online by [clicking here](#).