Our Mission
Our goal is to assure that every Minnesotan has access to safe, affordable and stable housing.
We accomplish this through a private-public partnership, working closely with public agencies to assure that all investments are efficient, effective and accountable.

The Need
The number of Minnesotans in homeless families with children increased by 10 percent from 2010 through 2014.

There are as many as 13,000 homeless and highly mobile K-12 students in Minnesota in the course of a school year.

A key strategy in closing the education achievement gap is to assure that every child has a safe and stable home in which to live and study. Homeless children are far more likely than other children (even children who are struggling with poverty) to do poorly in school.

We also need to assure that homeless teens and young adults under 21 have stable housing. According to Wilder Research, 2,500 young people are homeless on any given night – a number that increased 33 percent between 2006 and 2012. Homelessness is not just an urban issue. According to the 2012 Wilder Research study, 40 percent of homeless youth are in Greater Minnesota communities and 10 percent are in metro suburbs.

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Our Core Strategies

Partner
• We align philanthropic investments with public goals and dollars. We provide information, technical resources and expertise to support public efforts, effectively leveraging public programs to end and prevent homelessness.

Educate
• We create and share information and the narratives that explain the value and need to assure that all Minnesotans have stable housing.

Measure
• We create and track information that matters – the benchmarks that measure the progress we are making in key areas.

Advocate
• We provide information to guide private and public decision-makers.
• We amplify the voices of others, elevating the importance of housing stability.

Demonstrate
• We serve as a clearinghouse for innovative solutions and best practices. We identify what is working and share it with key audiences.

We Know What Works
By targeting resources to evidence-based solutions, since 2010, chronic homelessness has been reduced by 39 percent and homelessness among military veterans by 47 percent. By targeting resources to support families, youth and other at-risk populations, we can similarly achieve the goal of preventing and ending their homelessness.
Housing Instability Threatens School Success

Homeless children are far more likely than other children (even children who also are struggling with poverty) to do poorly in school, according to research conducted by Dr. Ann Masten, University of Minnesota.

5th Grade Math Proficiency Percentages

New Math Test

All Students

Free and Reduced Lunch Students

Homeless Students