A Year Of Unprecedented Challenges

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota, over 271,000 East Metro residents filed for unemployment insurance according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. These job losses affected many individuals and families’ abilities to afford rent and everyday expenses.

Sometimes as little as $50 can help someone avoid eviction, or pay overdue bills. For families and individuals living in the East Metro, the Community Sharing Fund can be a vital resource.

“The grant I received was a lifesaver for me. It paid the deposit I needed to move. Now I am working again while maintaining my sobriety.” Charles, grant recipient

The Community Sharing Fund is a unique emergency grant program that supports thousands of East Metro residents every year as they navigate financial setbacks. Since its inception, the Community Sharing Fund has made more than 39,000 grants to community members from all walks of life. Our applicants are as diverse as the East Metro itself, and include individuals, families, young parents, retirees, homeowners, renters and employees from countless industries.

In 2020, the Community Sharing Fund responded to the crises COVID-19 caused in our community by increasing the maximum grant amount available from $500 to $750. Here’s a look at the impact those grants had on the community.
### A TRUE RELIEF

“COVID-19 had such a major impact on my life. I’m a single mother of three and I work in healthcare. I had to quarantine for several weeks due to being in contact with someone who tested positive for the virus, and my income as a Personal Care Attendant plummeted. The assistance I received helped me maintain my housing, and relieved a lot of worry and stress for me and my children at a very difficult time. I’m very thankful.”

—Amanda, grant recipient

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

“The Salvation Army serves the people of Saint Paul with financial assistance through Community Sharing Fund grants. The assistance that the fund provides is critical to our ability to offer financial support to our clients.

Through our partnership, we are able to help with past due rent to avoid eviction, pay for car repairs to keep people mobile, supply funds for overdue utility bills, and so much more. Community Sharing Fund is such a blessing to the people of Saint Paul. We are grateful for the opportunity to work together in partnership, serving and supporting individuals and families in crisis.

—Kristy Anderson, Caseworker, The Salvation Army

### SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SHARING FUND

100% of donations go directly to emergency grants. Since 1980, Community Sharing Fund has made 39,000 grants.

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101 Fifth Street East, Suite 2400, Saint Paul, MN 55101

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### TOP 5 Requests for Assistance

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