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2003

## *Neighborhood Report*



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Making the Hamline Midway neighborhood a great place to live, learn and work.

# From the Coalition

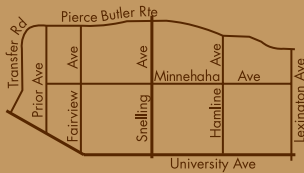
## MISSION

The Hamline Midway Coalition is dedicated to making the Hamline Midway neighborhood a great place to live, learn and work.

## GUIDING IMPERATIVES

- assist constituents— residents, business owners, students, organizations and voluntary groups— to recognize and use individual and community resources for neighborhood improvements,
- Engage the participation of community members who are often under-represented in community decision-making,
- Provide information and advocacy for neighborhood stakeholders on issue affecting them and the larger community and,
- Encourage responsibility, accountability and respect as a basis for building healthy relationships and effective strategies for community-based action.

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



### HAMLIN MIDWAY COALITION – ITS COMMUNITY’S CREATION,

The Hamline Midway Coalition proudly presents the 2003 Annual Report. Details within are the hundreds of initiatives, and accomplishments involving thousands of un-paid hours of those actively engaged in the constant renewal of their strong and healthy community. The report recognizes the many individuals, groups, and partners whose energy and creativity met and overcame challenges. Each page lists reminders of the power of informed, persistent and united action.

As proud as we are of this Annual Report, we have to admit it fails to give more than oblique and passing reference to the contributions of staff and Board of Directors of Hamline Midway Coalition—both essential to the many accomplishments. Following are a few details to highlight what has been left ‘between-the-lines’.

The Hamline Midway Coalition staff members make their contribution in several ways; first by staying alert to both local concerns (problem properties, criminal activities etc.) and to broader socio/economic trends and decisions made that effect the community (Transit Oriented Development, funding city services, and facilities etc.). Secondly, staff gathers information and through consultation with individuals or groups, help interested parties clarify the issues and questions. Finally, staff identify, recruit and convene involved parties, experts who may further inform the solution and, where needed, decision makers who might implement them. Staff members contribute not by providing answers and solutions but by setting the stage and drawing in all the players, providing the information and

context for the fruitful dialogue, solution and, ultimately, united action. The value of their contribution is measured, not by their leadership, visibility, or by their answers. Their value is measured, instead, by the leadership, visibility, answers and by the actions taken by others. There is an exciting, rewarding and demanding job, drawing on their great skill, experience and commitment.

The Hamline Midway Coalition Board of Directors also contributes to the organization and community in ways that are essential to the community’s accomplishments. As community leaders, theirs is a more visible role. Their job is to attend to the strength and purpose of the organization. They do this by identifying priorities and setting policies—guidelines for the work of staff. Their decisions are guided by a constant and on-going consultation with the community. They do this in two ways—discussions with individuals and by community wide consultation and planning. A Strategic Plan, presented elsewhere in this report, is a recent example of their effort.

Please join your community in recognizing all the many contributions of community members and staff by looking back with pride and forward with anticipation. There is no way to tell for sure, but if next year is as exciting, challenging and successful as the last, we will again share the pride in our Hamline Midway Coalition 2004 Annual Report.

  
Rich Dreher  
Board President

  
Claire O'Connor  
Executive Director

## HMC BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2003\*

### Current Assets

Cash Accounts	\$74,933
Grants Receivable	22,843
Loans Receivable	83,141
Pre-paid expenses	6,809
Property & Equipment	124,483

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 312,209**

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$4,259
Payroll Taxes & other Liabilities	10,248
Accrued Vacation	1,596
Note Payable-Office	53,641
Loan Payable	84,293
Other Accrued Liabilities	1,250

**Total Liabilities 155,287**

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	96,125
Temporarily Restricted	60,797
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>156,922</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$312,209**

### Support & Revenue

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Unrestricted	Total
Government Grants		171,977	171,977
Corporations/Foundation Contributions		35,177	35,177
Contributions	30,064	89,895	119,959
Release from Restricted Corporations/Foundation	52,403	(52,403)	
Government	160,263	(160,263)	
Other Revenue	17,145	-	17,145
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$259,875</b>	<b>\$(122,771)</b>	<b>\$137,104</b>

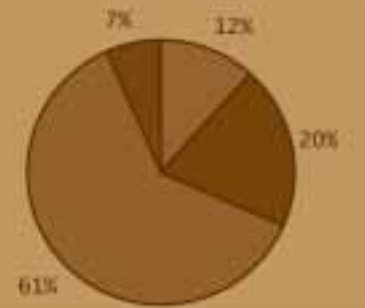
### Expenses

Administration & Fundraising	11,193	11,193	
Crime Prevention	117,08	117,087	
Community Organizing & Participation	62,975	62,975	
Mid Kidz	11,200	11,200	
Economic Development	66,063	66,063	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$268,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$268,518</b>

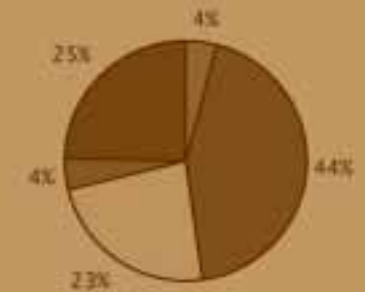
Changes in Net Assets	(8,644)	(122,771)	(131,414)
Beginning Net Assets	104,769	183,567	288,336
<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$96,125</b>	<b>\$60,797</b>	<b>\$156,922</b>

\*HMC's 2003 audited financial report will be available for public review in April, 2003. 2002 audited financial statements are available for public review at HMC

## UNRESTRICTED FUND INCOME



7% Other Revenue  
12% Contributions  
20% Released from Restricted Corporations/Foundation  
61% Released from Restricted Government



4% Administration & Fundraising  
4% Mic Kidz  
23% Community Organizing & Participation  
25% Economic Development  
44% Crime Prevention



# Thank you, Donors!

Lucille Wiecher  
 Jeffrey Wigren & Charlene D' Cruz  
 Darren & Sandra Witwer  
 Lydia Volz  
 14 anonymous donors

## BUSINESS DONORS

**IN-KIND DONORS**  
 These individuals and groups contributed products and services worth over \$5,000.

Adam Witzfeld  
 Axman Surplus  
 Bizwala Web Hosting- Jeff Klein  
 Cub Foods  
 Checkerboard Pizza  
 Dan Rooney  
 Evelyn Highland-Peaceful Books Program  
 Hamline Midway Branch Library-Peg Doheny  
 Hamline University  
 Hancock Recreation Center-Cathy Courtney  
 Inkling Web Design-Chandra Reyer  
 Jerry Ratliff  
 Joette Hamann & Evora Baker  
 Mary Gallagher Johnson- Peaceful Books Program  
 Midway Family YMCA  
 Midway Pro-Bowl  
 Muddy Paws Cheesecake  
 Nathan Keepers  
 P.C. After Hours  
 Rainbow Foods  
 SPPD Officer Cara Hughes  
 SPPD Officer Jeff Boyle  
 SPPD Commander John Harrington  
 Wilder Foundation

## KEY PARTNERS & SOCIAL NETWORKS

81 Block Clubs, their leaders and members  
 Block Club Leaders Steering Committee  
 Members of the Hamline Midway Alliance for a Prejudice Free Community  
 Burlington Northern Steering Committee  
 Fairview Minnehaha Group  
 Hamline Midway Youth Collaborative  
 Nancy Olson, community gardener  
 Councilmember Jay Benanav  
 Legislative Aide, Jane Prince  
 Sparc, Community Development Corporation  
 City of St. Paul, Planning and Economic Development (PED)  
 Hamline Midway Public Library  
 Hamline University  
 University UNITED  
 Merriam Park Community Council  
 St. Anthony Park Community Council  
 Snelling Hamline Community Council, Midway YMCA  
 St. Paul Police Department  
 Area business, contributors to National Night Out  
 Dispute Resolution Center  
 Ramsey County Sheriff – Community Watch Program  
 St. Paul License Inspection  
 Environmental Protection (LIEP)  
 Western Initiative for Neighborhood Development (WIND) / Neighborhood Development Center (NDC)  
 Midway Transportation Organization  
 Midway Como Monitor  
 Midway Chamber of Commerce  
 St. Paul Port Authority  
 JA Simons Marketing Communications  
 United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW)  
 Minnesota Home Based Entrepreneurs Association  
 Hour Dollars Service Exchange Network  
 Minnesota Council of Nonprofits  
 Minnesota Office of Environmental

Assistance  
 JPI Investments/Justin Properties  
 Public Art St. Paul  
 FORECAST Public Art  
 IRS Small Business/Self Employment Office  
 Midway YMCA  
 Hancock Recreation Center  
 Hancock/Hamline University  
 Collaborative Magnet School  
 University of Minnesota Extension, 4 H Center for Youth Development  
 Ready 4 K  
 Minnesota Children's Defense Fund  
 Wilder Foundation's Leap Forward Collaborative  
 Urban Boat Builders  
 Midway Pro Bowl  
 Como Zoo  
 Eureka Recycling  
 City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation  
 R.S. Eden/Sentence to Service  
 Neighborhood Assistance Officers (NAO)  
 Special thanks to Chandra Reyer, for designing, up-dating and maintaining our web site  
[www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org](http://www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org)

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## MEMBERS 707

HMC members are Hamline Midway residents and business owners/operators who registered with HMC. Members vote for and are eligible to become representatives to HMC's Board of Directors, among other benefits. For more information, please contact Becky Reyer at 651-646-1986.



# [Community Planning & Participation]

CONSTITUENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGED  
 IN THE CONSTANT RENEWAL OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

**O**urs is a dynamic, responsive, community engaged in constant self renewal and revitalization. Our success depends on bringing together our greatest assets—multiple and diverse perspectives, wisdom of experience, clear vision for the future, accurate and timely information and a propensity to act in the interests of all. Community generated and driven plans and their implementation are enacted by the community at the local neighborhood level or more broadly in policy at the Municipal or State levels.

## ACTING TOGETHER FOR CONSTANT COMMUNITY SELF-RENEWAL

- Minnehaha/Fairview Group of neighbors worked with JLT, City of St. Paul's Public Works and Police on a wide range of local issues to improve snow removal, reduce noise and trash, reduce speeding and other irresponsible driving, including illegal truck traffic, and re-routing to accommodate 'cruising' on University Avenue.
- Good housing and good neighbors were the goal of a resolution proposed by Councilmember Jay Benanav to limit density of student rental housing. Residents, students, landlords, HMC staff and members of the HMC Board of Directors met with the Councilmember, his staff, and staff of St. Paul Planning and Economic Development and to express their concerns and to develop and propose practical solutions.
- A proposed 5 day sale of fireworks in a large outdoor tent in the Midway Marketplace Shopping Center attracted the attention of Hamline Midway Coalition and two adjacent District Councils with a shared concern for untrained volunteers selling controlled explosive material, potential safety and fire risks and increased traffic in our neighborhoods. Together, we convinced the vendor to abandon their plan.

## COMMUNITY PLANNING & PARTICIPATION

More than thirty—five community residents and supporters from adjoining District Planning Councils were in attendance as the St. Paul City Council considered the Mayor's budget proposal to remove funding for the Griggs Recreation Center expansion. Frustrated by more than seven years of unfulfilled promises, the community filled the Council Chamber. The Council also heard testimony from six residents, one clergy and two in leadership in adjacent district councils. With additional support from the Capitol Improvement Budget Committee, letters and postcards from those who could not attend, the City Council voted to restore the funding.



- Some solutions for noise and pollution from Burlington Northern Hub Site have finally materialized. After years of meeting, investigation and negotiating, funding was made available for sound reducing insulation and windows for sixteen homes.

## ADVANCING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Three neighborhoods were added to the City of St. Paul, Neighborhood Honor Role; Liz Gorman, for her leadership in the work to realize Griggs Recreation Center expansion, Claire Press, an active block club

leader, member of the Block Club Steering Committee, and of 'The Alliance' and Kathy Sundberg, resident and owner of a local coffee shop, who generously and freely gives time, advice and support for Snelling area businesses and others new to our business community.

- Enhancing and supporting Community Leadership is the goal of an on-going collaboration between Hamline Midway Coalition and Hamline University. Community engagement and consultation is scheduled for early 2004.

# [ Crime Prevention ]

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SAFE STREETS, ALLEYS, PARKS AND HOMES AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

**C**ommunity life and well-being are built on a foundation of safe streets, alleys, parks and homes. With Hamline Midway Coalition providing needed training, information and resource, our community takes collective action to protect itself from the damage of crime and carelessness.

## NEIGHBORS TAKING COLLECTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT CRIME AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE & CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

- **Eighty one (81) active Block Clubs** – the pride of our community.
- **Neighbors in block clubs** working together and with police, successfully shut down a drug dealing and prostitution operation in a house harboring a fugitive; also the site of a rape. Block club member's work resulted in arrests, evictions and eventual sale of the property to a responsible landlord.
- **A rental house and its irresponsible landlord and tenants** presented a problem for the neighbors. Patient and creative work of the block club resulted in the sale and purchase of the property by a neighbor and block club member. The property is now in good repair. The yard and alley are kept clean and new tenants appreciate their nice, safe, and clean neighborhood.
- **Seventeen (17) National Night Out celebrations** included 605 participants.
- **Staff and community working together, addressed 35 problem properties**, assisted fourteen tenants and five landlords, eliminated seven additional drug houses, and with University students involved, resolved problems from two University student party houses.

## STAFF AND COMMUNITY PROVIDING INFORMATION, EDUCATION & OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COLLECTIVE & INDEPENDENT ACTION

- **Twenty three (23) classes**, workshops and presentations.
- **Information and referral for 484 individuals** in person and by phone.
- **Addressed the needs and concerns of 2240 people** who live, learn, and work in our neighborhood.
- **Block club leaders' workshop attended by twenty-five residents.**

- **Block club organizer meeting** for eight residents resulting in one new and two revitalized block clubs.

- **A block watch workshop** resulted in the implementation of two new block watch systems.

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## COMMUNITY AND HMC STAFF STRENGTHENING THE NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH

- **2617 volunteer hours, fifty-three community events, twelve neighborhood and eighty-one community meetings.**

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**FIGHTING AND PREVENTING RACISM AND BIAS:**  
Hate is intended to humiliate, isolate and dominate the individual and robs a community of the power of unity and collective action.

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## THE HAMLINE MIDWAY ALLIANCE FOR A PREJUDICE FREE COMMUNITY

WORKING TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE RACISM AND BIAS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- **Co-sponsored an opportunity to increase understanding of the cultural heritage and immigrant experience of our new Somali neighbors,**
- **Through the story reading and story telling of the Peaceful Books Project, 148 neighborhood children learned to value cultural diversity and to reduce anger and aggressive acts,**
- **In November of 2003, The Alliance helped activate a new project with the goal of facilitating and enhanced a sense of community in the Hamline Midway business sector**

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# Thank you, Donors!

## GOVERNMENT SOURCES

State of Minnesota-Prevention & Intervention Grant  
City of St. Paul-Community Organizing & Crime Prevention  
City of St. Paul- COPP  
City of St. Paul- STAR Loans/Grants Program

## FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS

Bremer Foundation  
LISC  
McKnight Foundation  
Neighborhood Development Corp. (WIND/NDC)  
St. Paul Foundation  
Wells Fargo Foundation

## BUSINESS & FOUNDATION DONORS

AIG Matching Grants  
M.J. Anderson dba Twin Cities Music and Arts  
Terese Baumann & Michael Clark dba Baumann Bookkeeping  
Dauwalter Family Foundation  
Faegre & Benson Foundation  
Hamline Park Plaza  
Hamline University  
Midway Mens Club  
NW Area Foundation  
Bonnie Reeder dba B.Reeder Petsitters  
Barbara Ritt dba Cookies by Barbara  
Tom Wimmer dba Cartridge Recyclers, Inc  
St. Paul Companies Foundation (matching grants program)  
St. Paul Foundation (matching grants program)

## INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS

Tim Adamson  
Stephanie & Jeremy Alden  
Mary Allen & Sue Eckfeldt  
Bonnie Anderson  
Jerry Artz  
Thomas Badow & Cynthia Unowsky  
Dan Baggeroer  
Jodi Bantley & Daniel Abebe  
Tom & Kate Barnett  
Dot Bentfield  
Karen & Jeff Birkeland  
Daniel Bitney  
Walter Blue  
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Jane Telleen  
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Paul & Ann Toftness  
Garrett Trapnell  
Susan Trupiano  
Mary Vanderwert  
Luke Walbert  
Brad & Heather Ward  
Benita Warns  
Winifred Weld  
Stephen Wensman

# [Hamline Midway Coalition Looking Forward]

## STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2004 THROUGH 2006

Over several months late in 2003, members of our board of directors and staff came together to plan for the next few years. Consultation with several community members provided even more insight and the final plan that will guide the organization for the next three years. Listed below are the outcomes our work will achieve.

### VISION

The Hamline Midway Coalition harnesses the voice and the power of the community to advance neighborhood identity, embrace diversity, enhance neighborhood vitality, and develop neighborhood leadership.

### CORE VALUES

- Integrity, openness, inclusiveness and accountability;
- Equality and social and economic justice;
- Combating racism and supporting multi-culturalism;
- Shared leadership and the development and support of community members to serve as catalysts for community action; and
- Collaboration with individuals and organizations, within and outside of our community, who share our vision and our commitment to the common good.

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### EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND ENGAGEMENT

The Hamline Midway Coalition is a community-driven organization that fosters leadership and engages all community members in actions that create and foster a healthy, diverse, vital, vibrant and safe neighborhood.

### A FOCUS ON LAND USE—HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Hamline Midway Coalition plays a pro-active and essential role in shaping the decisions that support the community's vision about land use, housing, and development of key corridors, as well as commercial and residential sites.

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Hamline Midway Coalition invests in creating and maintaining good, open and cooperative partnerships with organizations and individuals that can move forward the common agenda of advancing neighborhood identity, enhancing neighborhood vitality, developing future neighborhood leadership and promoting the Hamline Midway neighborhood as a desirable place in which to live, learn work and worship.

### ENHANCING VISIBILITY AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Hamline Midway Coalition is recognized by its community as a leading resource for convening and engaging community members in actions that support a healthy, safe and vital neighborhood.

### DIVERSIFIED FUNDING

The Hamline Midway Coalition has an adequate and diversified funding base that supports its programs and assures organizational viability and future sustainability.

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# [Community Economic Development]

## COMMUNITY-ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.

A strong, stable, locally oriented entrepreneurial sector is both a contributor and benefactor of a thriving community. Businesses prosper and are attracted to neighborhoods that are clean, safe and attractive. In return, stable successful businesses provide economic benefits for the community in the form of jobs, shopping, restaurant and services, as well as energy, creativity and practical solutions to addressing community needs.

### BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH INVESTMENT, SUPPORT, NETWORKING, & TRAINING

- The Micro Entrepreneur Training and Support Program included twenty new and expanding businesses; twelve women, six African Americans, two Hispanic, and two Ethiopians with business goals of retail, services, food/restaurants, computers, graphics and odd jobs.
- The Hamline Midway Home Based Businesses, Entrepreneurs Association and Hour Dollar Exchange were further strengthened by training, technical support, and new opportunities provided or leveraged by HMC.

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### REVITALIZING SNELLING AVENUE

- Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Grants and Low Interest Loans. Nine Snelling Avenue businesses received a total of \$66,000, in public funding which in turn leveraged an additional \$175,000 in private investment.
- Technical assistance, information, intervention and problem solving for eleven new and fourteen existing Snelling Avenue businesses seeking access to City resources, resolution for zoning, licensing and parking problems, as well as help with marketing, resolving business to

### SNELLING CAFÉ

Snelling Café, our newest Snelling Avenue business, opens with the help of Ward Four Councilmember Jay Benanav, his Legislative Aide, Jane Prince, Claire O'Connor, Executive Director of HMC and owners Tsehaye Zere and Afeworki Bein.

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business and business to resident disputes.

- Three development sites, assessed for potential development.
- Preliminary consideration for multi-unit housing at Asbury Gardens underway. Questions under consideration include cost and neighborhood impact.
- Neighborhood volunteers planted and maintained thirty-four planters.
- Repaving by MN DOT, coordinated to minimize inconvenience for eighty businesses and Hamline University.
- With significant community involvement, the plan for Transit Oriented Development was completed and accommodated the protection of single family housing and the neighborhood's unique quality of life.
- Participated in year-long study of child care and its economic impact on communities and neighborhoods.

- Collaborated with University UNITED in planning for the expansion of Dickerman Park and enhancement of the area.

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### RESOLVING CONFLICTS PROTECTS COMMUNITY

- With HMC staff and volunteers, resolved tense business to resident conflict by mobilizing adjacent block clubs, City of St. Paul, Midway Chamber of Commerce, and University UNITED. Neighborhood volunteers from The Alliance for a Prejudice Free Community and neighborhood mediators played a key role.
- Staff from HMC Business Leadership Initiative Project resolved business to business parking dispute.
- Successfully convinced Wal-Mart not to sell guns or fireworks.

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## [ Youth Development ]

YOUTH REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WHERE THEY FIND OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT.

**T**here is no doubt that children reach their full potential when they have opportunities to build skills, exercise leadership, form meaningful relationships with each other and caring adults and belong and contribute to an accepting and nurturing community. Dedicating resources, energy and creativity to youth development doubles in value as children as youth return the investments to the community in the form of their skills, their networks of relationships and their leadership.



**SOME MEMBERS OF THE HAMLINEMIDWAY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE**

Cathy Courtney, Hancock Recreation Center; Howie Bell, St. Paul Parks and Recreation; Brother Cunningham, Hamline Midway Coalition; Karen Terry, N.W. Como Recreation Center; Jeanne Zimmer, Dispute Resolution Center, Tony Ruiz, South St. Anthony Recreation Center; Peg Doheny, Hamline Midway Library; Eric Siegel, Midway YMCA; Claire O'Connor, Hamline Midway Coalition; David Dominick, Midway YMCA.

### MID KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB HELPING CHILDREN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

- **Fifty children improve academic and social skills** in the Mid Kids After School Club. After school enrichment programs have proven their value in helping kids reach their potential. In the Mid Kids program children benefit from help with homework, as well as fun, educational and enriching activities.

- **Ten teens, who are involved in Mid Kids as mentors**, provided help with homework, and developed and implemented daily programming, activities, and celebrations. Teens benefit by having an opportunity to develop leadership, improve social, life and academic skills, as well as employment and higher education readiness.
- **Scavenger hunts and field trips** helped both children and teens in the Mid Kids program understand

and value their community as well as gain knowledge that could help them stay safe.

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### HAMLINEMIDWAY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE— BUILDING A COMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*Hamline Midway individuals, organizations and churches are working together to strengthen the community's ability to ensure children and youth in the community reach their full potential*

- **Up-dated a directory** of programs and services for children and youth ([www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org](http://www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org)).
- **Sponsored a community forum on children and youth.** Speakers addressed an audience of forty-seven on increased risk to children and youth resulting from cuts in spending, importance on later development of early childhood care and education and what a youth development approach can mean for our children and community.

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## [ Community Building & Stewardship ]

BUILDING COMMUNITY BY ACTIVELY SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CLEAN, SAFE, AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

**S**tewardship, is an essential ingredient in a strong community. Spontaneously and in formal groups, individually and collectively those who live, learn and work in our neighborhood actively demonstrate their commitment in many ways. They know that with shared responsibility the community is cleaner, safer, healthier and more attractive. The networks and relationships built in the course of the shared work, in turn, further enhance the ability to build community by preventing and fighting crime, influencing policy and decision makers, strengthening the voice of the community and promoting economic opportunities.

### STEWARDSHIP & REVITALIZATION

- **Provided 189 recycling bins** for individuals who joined the thousands of community members already sharing their responsibility for the environment by recycling.
- **The Annual Neighborhood Clean-up** resulted in the collection of fifty-two tons of material by sixty volunteers, and HMC staff. Fifty-six percent of this material was reused or recycled.
- **Tree stumps removed** through a city program administered by HMC resulted in the removal of twenty-four boulevard tree stumps.
- **A coordinated community wide yard and garage sale** included sixty-three separate sales. The successful event, (hopefully the first of many) was organized by a block club leader.
- **Supported two community gardening projects**—a new vegetable garden space along Pierce Butler Route, and Horton Park Community Wildflower and Native Plant Garden.
- **Benefited from contribution of flowers and work** by a community gardener who took responsibility for many Snelling Avenue planters and plantings around the HMC building.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Two of the more than sixty volunteers at our Annual Neighborhood Clean-up, assist a resident in unloading a truck full of recyclable waste, usable furniture and trash. This year's Clean-Up resulted in the collection of fifty-two tons of material by sixty volunteers, and HMC staff. Fifty-six percent of this material was reused or recycled.

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### INFORMATION AS A FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING & COLLECTIVE ACTION

- **The HMC web site** was visited 34,393 times, ([www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org](http://www.hamlinemidwaycoalition.org)) and provided a wide array of information for the community.
- **Information and news** for 5,500 households and 500 businesses through nine issues of Neighborhood News, and the monthly Midway

Como Monitor column, our Annual report and on-going information and referral.

- **Hosted 162 gatherings** for 1393 participants in our lower-level meeting room which is available to the community at no charge.

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Please send your contribution in this envelope, or to Hamline Midway Coalition, 1564 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

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I would  like more information about the Hamline Midway Coalition and opportunities to become involved.

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