Thanks to your support, the new vision for the Dorothy Day Center is becoming a reality

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“By giving strength to those who most need it, we also strengthen the foundation of our entire community.”

This month, Catholic Charities announced the leadership phase of a private fundraising campaign to advance the new vision for the Dorothy Day Center. The campaign team will be chaired by Doug Baker, Jr., Chairman and CEO of Ecolab, Mary Brainerd, Chief Executive Officer and President of HealthPartners, and Andy Cecere, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of U.S. Bank.

In addition, a $5 million lead grant by The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation is intended to challenge the community to raise millions more. Already during the campaign’s leadership phase, Catholic Charities has raised $12 million from private sources, including commitments of $1 million each from the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation, the Pohlad Foundation and the Frey Foundation.

Thanks to your tireless advocacy efforts, the project has received $28 million in public investments from the State of Minnesota, Ramsey County, City of St. Paul, and other public sources. The campaign will continue to leverage significant public/private investment.

“I don’t think leaving people under the bridge is what our society should be about,” said Doug Baker. “We have the capacity to do better.”

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**Annual breakfast helps bring “all of us together”**

On May 8, Catholic Charities hosted the 36th Dorothy Day Center Community Breakfast. More than 250 leaders in the business, civic, neighborhood and faith communities joined in as the capital campaign for the Dorothy Day Center was announced.

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**“A community that cares doesn’t leave people to the streets. I believe we care. We will build the new vision for the Dorothy Day Center.”**

—Andy Coce, Vice Chairman & Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Bank and Campaign Co-Chair

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**Fixing the cycles of homelessness**

When she was just a kid, Alta Oben’s first job was selling lunch tickets. She saved that ticket money and one day she had raised enough to buy a shiny new blue bicycle.

The mere thought of it makes her smile decades later.

Many people who are experiencing homelessness rely on bicycles to get around. For the most part, they are not fancy bikes, and many require a steady stream of TLC to be street-ready.

This spring, Oben gave Opportunity Center a bicycle repair station. There, cyclists can fill their tires with air or perform repairs on their bikes with the provided tools and work stand. A bike rack and a bench will soon be added, thanks to Oben.

A familiar face at the Opportunity Center, Ron has been experiencing homelessness since October. A bicycle is his only form of transportation, save his feet and the city bus when he is fortunate enough to have a token.

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"Living in this kind of situation, you need your strength just to get through the day," he said. "Being able to ride a bike makes a big difference at the end of the day. God bless the person who put that bike station in."

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"The Dorothy Day Center is a community emergency center that is falling apart, unable to meet the needs of the people who use its services and support. As in health care, we need better emergency centers and sustainable community solutions that truly meet the needs of people in our community." — Mary Brainerd, President & CEO, HealthPartners and Campaign Co-Chair
Reaching out to build strong foundations

Because you, a young mother can crawl in her bed each night and dream about her son’s future. She can spend her days caring for her son and go to school and work. Just a few short months ago, Desteni, a 19-year-old single mother, thought a shelter was her only option. You helped give her a new lease on life.

Hope Street School Outreach is working in the community and schools in Minneapolis and the northwest suburbs helping youth avoid homelessness. The program is open to youth 16-25 years old who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

James Williams is Desteni’s case manager at Catholic Charities. “If I didn’t have him, I don’t know where I’d be. Getting help from James and Hope Street has allowed me to stay in school,” Desteni said.

James also works with Desteni on independent living skills. She’s learning how to submit a work request at her apartment, learning about budgeting and James helped her open her first bank account. For a limited time, Hope Street School Outreach pays a portion of Desteni’s rent.

“Sometimes people just need a support system. Someone to listen, to help them to try,” she said. “That’s all people really need and want is someone to be there.”

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Graduation celebrates positive beginnings

Graduation ceremonies at Catholic Charities’ St. Joseph’s Home for Children are a celebration of the progress the child has made while in treatment, but they’re also a reminder that change is possible.

“Both graduations and regraduations are a celebration of the progress the child has made while in treatment, but they’re also a reminder that change is possible,” said Dina Reminick, a therapist at St. Joe’s. Each ceremony begins with peers sharing positive messages with the graduate. Then, staff and family members speak.

“Bringing you here was the hardest thing I’ve ever done. We finally did what we were told to do,” said Cat’s mom. “You’re a great kid and we are so glad to have you in our family. We’re really excited to have you come home with us and get life restarted in a different direction.”

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*Name has been changed.

“Everyone wants to take a little credit for shaping the graduate along the way, and everyone should. For that half hour to 45 minutes, there is camaraderie, there is hope.” — Dina Reminick, Catholic Charities Therapist

Springtime at Northside

The children at Catholic Charities’ Northside Child Development Center welcomed spring with a family party and lots of smiles. Northside regularly hosts events and activities which include the whole family.
You are changing lives!

Jane had gone past Catholic Charities’ Dorothy Day Center countless times, but never imagined she would ever walk through the doors of a shelter. She never imagined she would be that desperate. But in 2013, she lost her home and had no choice but to ask for help.

“It was scary for me when I first came here,” said Jane, 62. “She has arthritis and gets around with the support of a walker. “They tell you you’re going to sleep on the floor and you just think—ouch. It’s so hard, as much as I try to say ‘no, I don’t hurt’ it hurts.”

The grandmother of four slept on the floor at the shelter for about six months before a space opened up for her in the Dorothy Day Center women’s program.

Jane is thankful she had a place like Dorothy Day Center when she truly had no place else to turn. With your help, Catholic Charities is helping Jane move on to permanent housing and her eyes light up when she talks about the new apartment she is about to call home.

Your support changed Jane’s life and gave her hope for the future. Thank you!

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