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## Power of Partnership

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## Love, community brought Melvin home

On a sunny spring afternoon, Melvin, 76, sat on a sofa in his downtown Saint Paul apartment with a smile as bright as the sunbeams streaming in his windows.

“I’ll be alright now,” he said. “I’ll be alright.”

Melvin was recently homeless and suffers from COPD and congestive heart failure, among other challenges. He gets around with the help of a cane. He needed—and received—holistic care not only from Catholic Charities but also wonderful community partners including Bridging, MN and Aeon.

After a recent hospital stay, Catholic Charities’ Medical Respite program at Higher Ground Saint Paul provided Melvin with a room to sleep and heal in, nutritious meals to eat and compassionate staff to manage healthcare and offer support.

After Melvin healed, he had a place to lay his head at Higher Ground Saint Paul Shelter. Then, Catholic Charities’ Aging and Disabilities Services team helped Melvin find a new

home at an Aeon property in downtown Saint Paul, but it was unfurnished—that’s when Bridging stepped in.

Melvin received all of the necessary items to outfit his home—everything from cookware to art for the walls, places to sit and even an ironing board.

Sitting on his new bed in his own bedroom, Melvin was overcome with emotion on how many people had helped him come so far. Now that he has a home, Melvin has his sights set on his next goal. One day, Melvin hopes he will be able to have a puppy.



# 2018 Dorothy Day Community Breakfast

The Dorothy Day Community Breakfast was a time to celebrate 37 years of caring for our most vulnerable neighbors in Saint Paul. As construction continues on Phase II of Dorothy Day Place—Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence—we are so grateful to be part of many cross-sector community partnerships to end homelessness.

More than 300 community members gathered at Saint Paul RiverCentre to not only celebrate how far we have come together, but to look to the future. Remarks were made by Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and Bremer Financial Corporation CEO and President Jeanne Crain, who is serving as a co-chair of Governor's Task Force on Housing.

A highlight of this year's breakfast was the presentation of the 2018 Dorothy Day Community Service Award to Dominion. We are so thankful for their unprecedented philanthropic support, and pro bono work in the development of the Dorothy Day Place campus, providing not only their expert advice throughout the construction process but tireless advocacy in the community for affordable housing.



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*Jeanne Crain of Bremer Financial delivered the keynote address.*



*St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter spoke about community vitality.*



*The team from Dominion was honored with the 2018 Dorothy Day Community Service Award. Jeff Huggett accepted the award.*



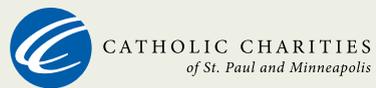
## Construction update

Every day, we notice more progress on the construction of Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence. Dorothy Day Residence will provide homes to 177 people who desperately need them and Saint Paul Opportunity Center will provide hope and help to thousands working to reach their full potential. You made this all possible.



**Thank you!**





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## Partnership opens doors, expands opportunity



At Catholic Charities, we experience firsthand the value of partnerships – whether they are public-private partnerships, partnerships with other nonprofits that help those we serve, or the partnership of each of you – our donors, volunteers and advocates.

Your support is invaluable in so many ways. You are supporting people in need of extra medical care through the Medical Respite program where Melvin had a chance to heal. Your support also provides kids the opportunity to learn and grow each day at Northside Child Development Center.

When you invest in Catholic Charities – you are providing quality support, services and care for people in need. You are making an impact in this community every day. Thank you for making our most vulnerable a priority in your life and through your time and financial resource.

