# Welcome to MICAH's Anoka County 2022 Virtual Bus Tour!

Tour Guide: Sue Watlov Phillips, Ex. Director, MICAH







# Faith Reflection & Welcome

### **Faith Reflection:**

Pastor Dianna Dunham Foltz, Coon Rapids United Methodist Church

### **Host:**

Pastor Kristina Hill Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, Ramsey









### **Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing**









MICAH lives out the prophetic vision that calls us "to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8).

MICAH envisions a metropolitan area where everyone without exception has a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.









# Rules of the Bus

- Our meeting is being recorded so others can review it later.
- Please stay muted until you are called on.
- Raise your hand physically or in the participants menu, or in the chat for question.
- If at any point the audio or video presentation seems choppy, try turning off your camera feed.
- No spitballs!







# Are you ready?

# Let's get on board!









































### **Presenter:**

Rep Connie Bernardy Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner

Connie Bernardy believes every Minnesotan deserves access to quality, affordable health care, a world-class education, clean water, air, and land, and a state where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Commissioner Meisner has chosen to serve the citizens of Anoka County on the Board of Commissioners because she is deeply invested in community service, and she views her role on the County Board as an important opportunity to serve Anoka County citizens.







# Rep Connie Bernardy & Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner

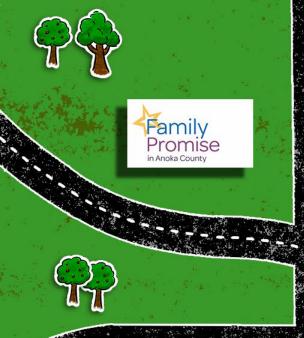
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#### **Presenters:**

Rhianna Coffey, Program Coordinator Jeff Conner, Development Officer



A homeless shelter, and so much more.

Whether shelter is needed for a few nights or a few months, all Stepping Stone residents are treated with dignity and respect and have their basic needs met. This means a bed and linens to call their own, three meals per day, showers, laundry facilities, and even clothing and toiletries when needed.







# **Stepping Stone Emergency Housing**

https://steppingstoneeh.org/

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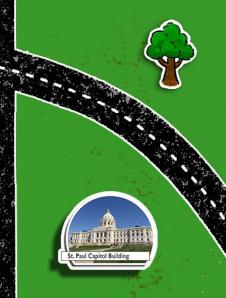




















#### Presenter:

David Frei, Executive Director

Empowering families who are experiencing housing insecurity to build a foundation of lasting independence.

Our case managers help families work through a program that will help them build a foundation of lasting independence and success, helping families to escape homelessness and give them the tools to ensure they will not experience the trauma of homelessness in the future.







# Family Promise in Anoka County

www.familypromiseanoka.org
Director@familypromiseanoka.org

We are working toward creating our own permanent space. We would love to talk to people with connections to funding or local political leaders to contact us to help us move the project forward!

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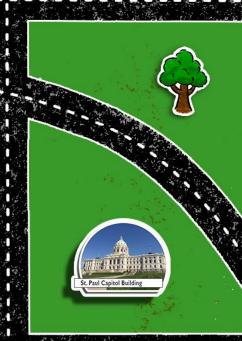














### **Presenters:**

Sue Lehrer and Wendy Dorholt, Co-Leaders of Matthew 25



Matthew 25 provides a free drive-thru food distribution on the second Sunday of every month and a free bread & bakery give-away every Friday. There are no qualifications or requirements to participate in these events. The food is donated from grocery stores, restaurants, bakeries, and our community garden. We purchase produce for the drive-thru from a discount food store.







### **Matthew 25 Food Distribution**

facebook.com/SpiritofMatthew25

Sue Lehrer: Suelehrerm25@coonrapidsumc.org

Wendy Dorholt: Wendydorholtm25@coonrapidsumc.org

- Financial donations, perishable/nonperishable food, a van for delivery/pickup of food and an outdoor commercial freezer
- Available grants and volunteers
- If you have questions, feel free to call me at 763-229-9844.

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Manna Market

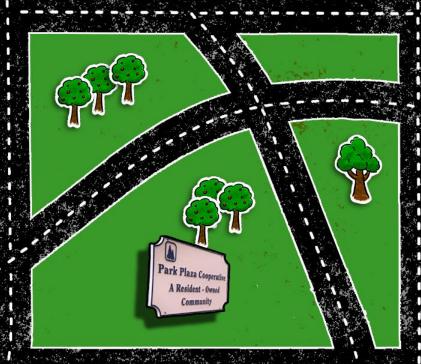


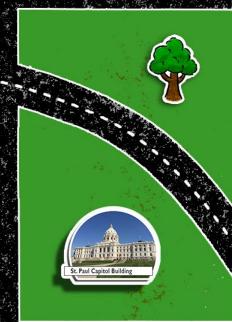












# Manna Market

#### **Presenter:**



Manna Market is a food shelf in Minneapolis located at Substance Church. This free food distribution service provides groceries to those in need in the local Minneapolis community.

Manna Market is led by a couple who attend Substance Church. They have a heart to be good stewards of the abundance with which God blesses this country. They put in countless hours because they want to serve God and they hope to create a hunger in others to want to know Jesus more!







### **Substance Church Manna Market**

https://substancechurch.com/mannamarket/

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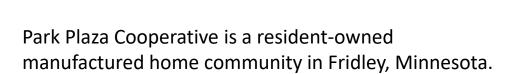




# Park Plaza Cooperative

#### **Presenter:**

Natividad Seefeld, President, Board of Directors Park Plaza



We are a terrific neighborhood for people who like a suburban setting that's an easy drive to the Twin Cities.











# Park Plaza Cooperative

http://www.parkplaza.coop

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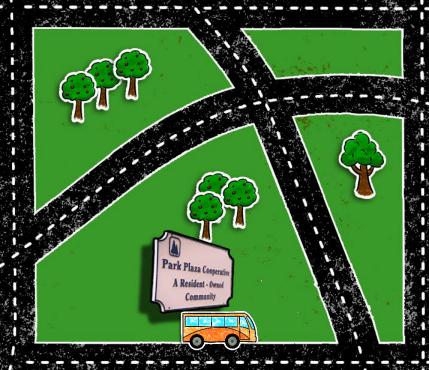
















# Updates on Federal and State Legislation

Sue Watlov Phillips, MICAH Executive Director, Board Member of National Coalition of the Homeless





