

# Welcome to MICAH's Dakota County Housing 2023 Virtual Bus Tour!

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

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# Welcome & Faith Reflection

## **MICAH Welcome - Host:**

Pat Eveslage, MICAH South/Mary, Mother of the Church

## **Faith Reflection:**

Tim Dulac, MICAH South Leader

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# Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing



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

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



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# 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!

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*Are you ready?*

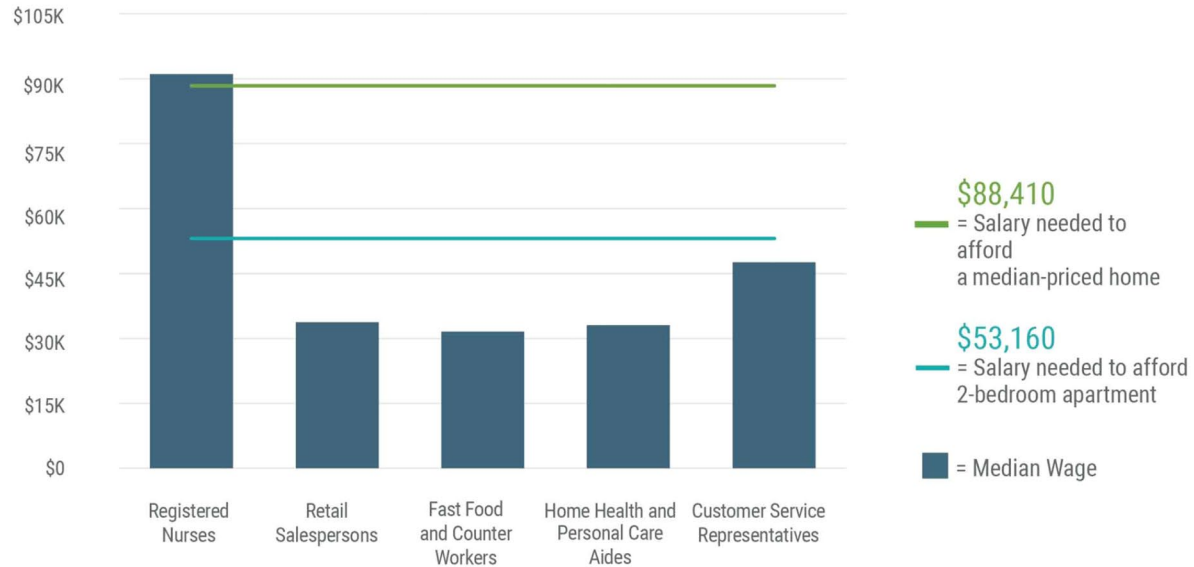
**Let's get on board!**

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The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs DAKOTA'S COST OF HOUSING



Cost-Burdened # of households in Dakota County	Renter:	18,516
	Owner:	20,724
	Total:	39,240

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**Presenter:**

Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director  
Dakota County Social Services Department



Dakota County is 587 square miles in area and has a population of about 425,000. Situated in the southeast corner of the Twin Cities Metropolitan area, it is the third-most populous county in the state of Minnesota.

Dakota County maintains a land use mixture of 1/3 urban, 1/3 suburban, and 1/3 rural. This combination of land use, and the confluence of two major rivers (the Mississippi and Minnesota) that form the county's northern and eastern borders, makes Dakota County a unique geographic area.

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*Thank You,*

# Dakota County Northern Service Ctr

Madeline Kastler: Madeline.Kastler@co.dakota.mn.us

1 Mendota Rd #300, West St Paul, MN 55118

Community engagement and support for shelter development in Dakota County.

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**Presenters:**

**Rebecca Bowers**, Dakota County Social Services Supervisor - Prevention

**Natalie Gnerer**, Community Resource Manager, 360 Communities

**Suzie Misel**, Director of Housing and Emergency Services CAP Agency



**360 Communities** delivers safety and stability that improves lives. They surround people with holistic services, including violence prevention and intervention, school success support, and community resources.

**CAP Agency**, helps people break down barriers to access by providing the tools and resources necessary to achieve success. They partner with businesses, schools, and other leading nonprofit organizations – like Esperanza and Together We CAN – to create vital and lasting connections.

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**360 Communities**

[360Communities.org](http://360Communities.org)

**CAP Agency**

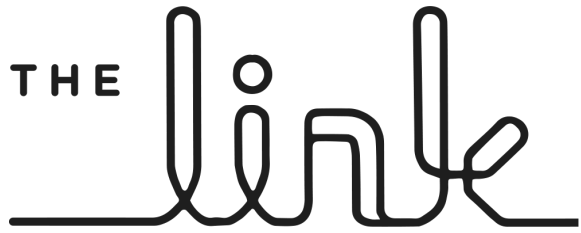
[capagency.org](http://capagency.org)

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**Presenter:**

Beth Holger

Chief Executive Officer



The Link is a youth and adult led nonprofit that provides a continuum of services, emergency shelter and housing programs for youth and young families who are experiencing homelessness, sex trafficking and/or involvement in the juvenile justice or foster care systems.

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*Thank You,*

# The Link C.O.R.E. Drop In Center

Beth Holger, Chief Executive Officer

Laura Phelps, CORE Program Manager

612-205-7944

7800 150th St W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

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**Presenter:**

Tim Dulac

Volunteer, The Open Door

A fresh approach to ending local hunger through access to healthy food.

The Open Door provides food support for low-income individuals and families across Dakota County. Through our collective programs, The Open Door distributed more than 2.6 million pounds of food in 2022 – 64% of which was fresh and/or perishable.

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*Thank You,*

# The Open Door | Mobile Lunch Box

[theopendoorpantry.org/lunchbox](http://theopendoorpantry.org/lunchbox)

3000 Ames Crossing Rd. Suite 100

Eagan, MN 55121

651-686-0787

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Center City  
Housing Corp.

**Presenter:**

Carly Drigans, Services Coordinator



Cahill Place Apartments is permanent supportive housing for previously homeless families with children. We have programming for kids and adults throughout the week, case management services and support for the families we serve.

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*Thank You,*

# Center City Housing Corporation

[Cdrigans@centercityhousing.org](mailto:Cdrigans@centercityhousing.org) · 651-756-7222

We are looking for:

- Hygiene, and cleaning supplies, diapers and wipes.

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**Presenters:**

Kari Gill, Deputy Ex. Director  
Dakota County CDA

**Our Mission:**

To improve the lives of Dakota County residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing and community development.



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*Thank You,*

**Dakota County CDA**

<https://www.dakotacda.org/>

To apply for CDA housing waiting lists visit:

[www.myhousing.dakotacda.org](http://www.myhousing.dakotacda.org)

651-675-4400

**Let's get to our last stop!**

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**Presenter:**

Senator Lindsey Port  
Chair Housing and Homelessness Prevention;  
Elections Energy; Utilities, Environment, and Climate;  
Transportation



Overview of 2023 Historic Session

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*Thank You,*

# Senator Lindsey Port

*Capitol Office*

95 University Avenue W.

Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3213

St. Paul, MN 55155

651-296-5975

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# Updates on Federal and State Legislation

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

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