

Welcome to the MICAHA Northeast Chapter 2022 Legislative Breakfast

Welcome:

Janet Urbanowicz,
White Bear Unitarian Universalist





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Faith Reflection:

Peter Westin Miller, Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater

Introduction to MICAH:

Janet Urbanowicz, White Bear Unitarian Universalist



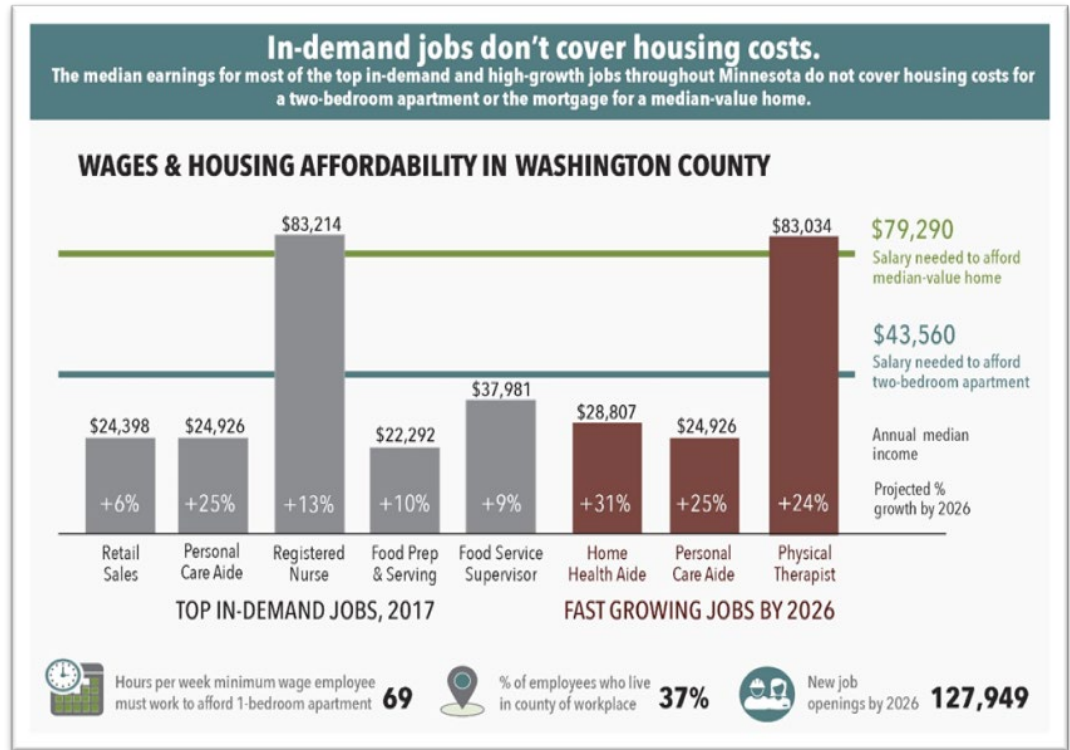
Washington County

Total households paying too much for housing:

Renter: 8,437

Owner: 12,396

Total: 20,833



Progress on the Washington County Adult Emergency Shelter

Jennifer Castillo,
Director, Washington County
Community Services

Sarah Tripple,
Division Manager,
Washington County
Community Services



Adult Emergency Shelter Update

January 28, 2022

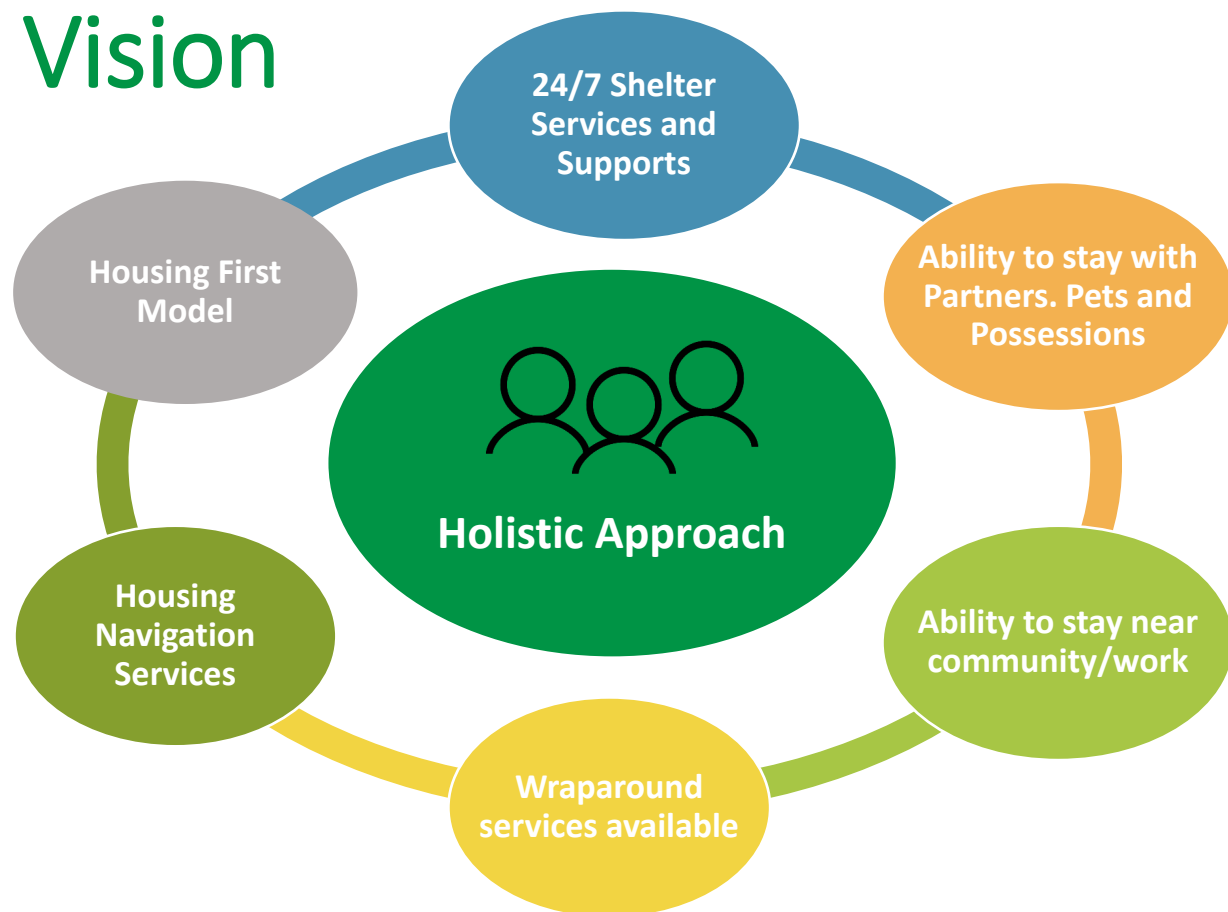


Current State of Adult Shelter

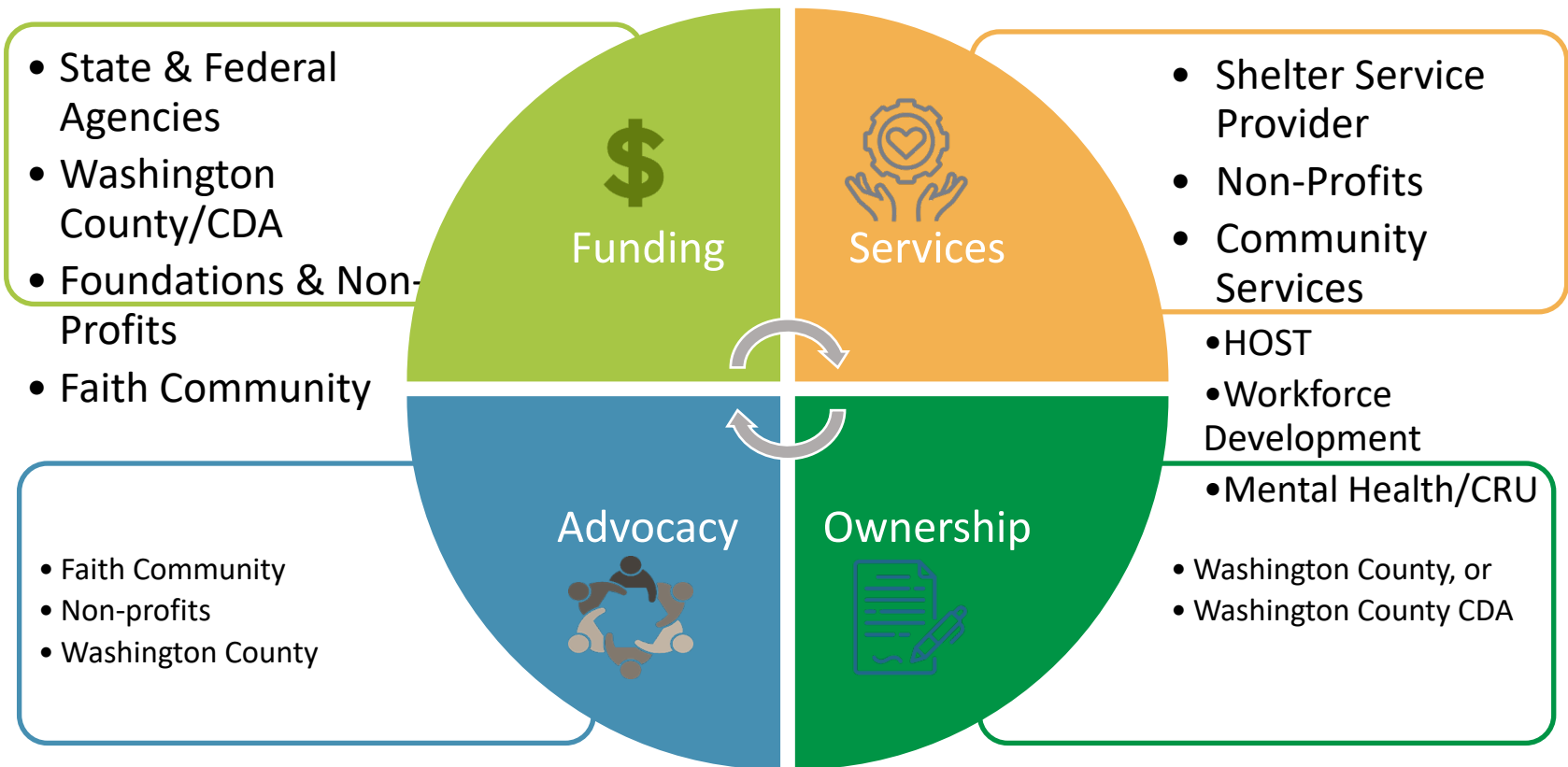
- Hotel Shelter Program has been operating since April 2020
- Almost 200 individuals have been served
 - Currently 23 individuals are receiving shelter services
- Two hotel sites within the county
- Contracted service provider is on-site 40 hours/week at each hotel
- In process of contracting with a Broker and Architect firm
- \$6.8 Million in ARPA funding for adult shelter
- Estimated opening of adult permanent shelter is Spring 2023

Adult Shelter Vision

- Non-congregate setting, individual rooms
- 24/7 shelter services
- Wraparound services on site
- Tiered shelter model



Partner Roles



Questions?



Washington County Commissioners:

Thank you for voting for nearly \$7 million to move forward with the shelter. What else will it take to make that a reality?

Washington County Mayors/Council:

You have seen the need and the plans for a county shelter. How will you support this in your community?

John Slade, MICAH – repeat back what we heard



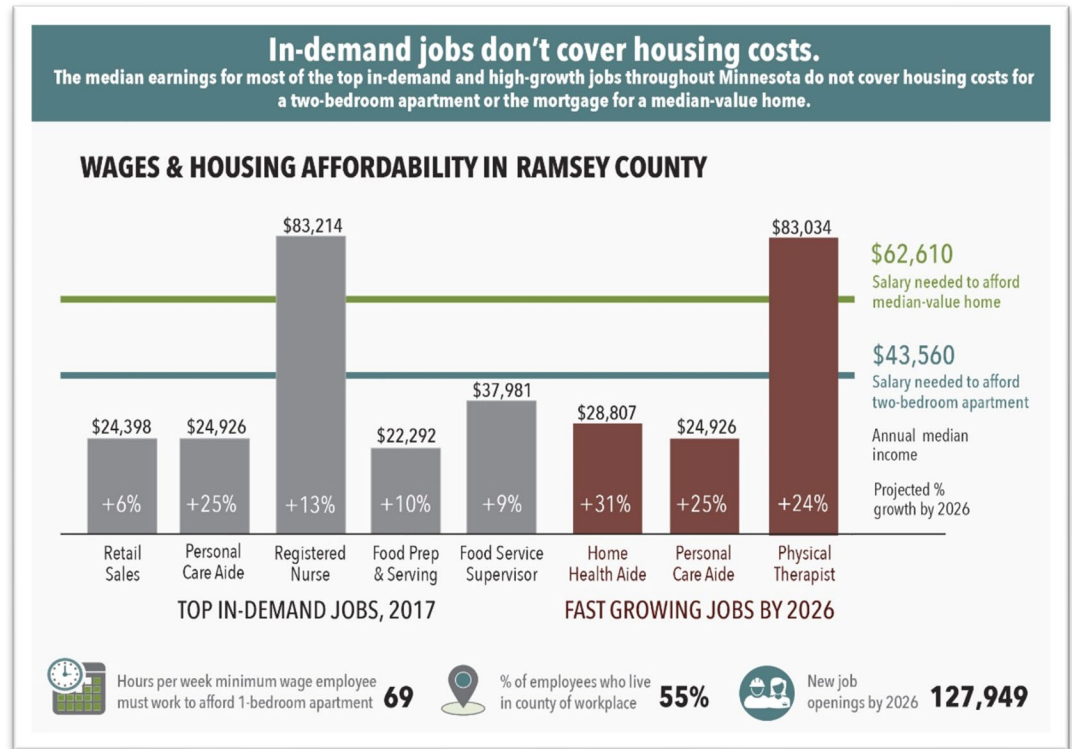
Ramsey County

Total households paying too much for housing:

Renter: 39,521

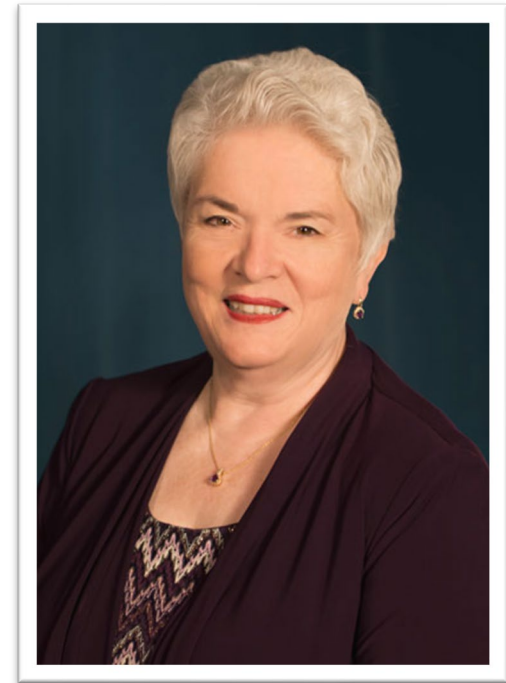
Owner: 23,697

Total: 63,218



History of the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Levy

Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt,
Vice Chair, Ramsey County HRA

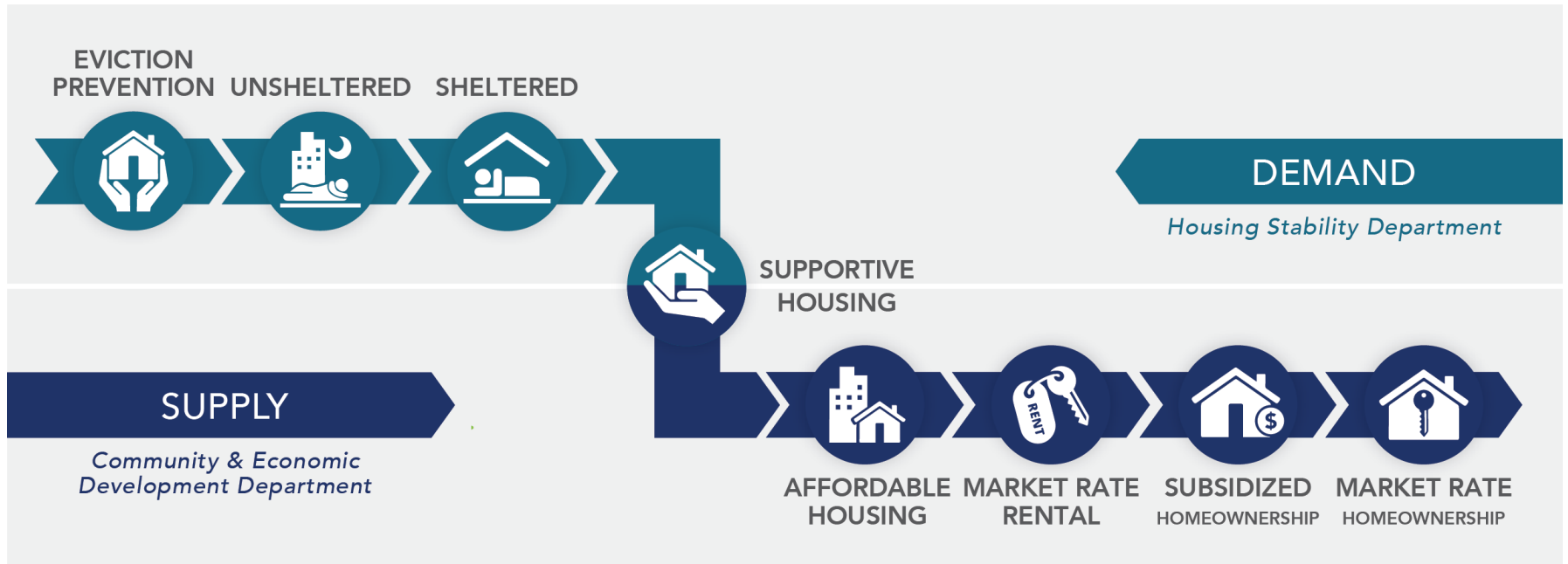


Ramsey County HRA Levy Presentation

Current Situation

- Nearly 67,000 households in Ramsey County are cost-burdened, with majority of these households working age, and renters;
 - Almost half of Ramsey County households who rent are cost-burdened.
 - Affordable housing production in the region is not keeping pace with demand;
 - The County is losing NOAH inventory due to market pressures;
 - The County has a deficit of 15,000 affordable units for households at or below 30% AMI (this includes different housing types such as transitional housing and permanent supportive housing as well as two- and three+ -bedroom units)
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Supply & Demand – How the County connects residents and investment along the Housing Continuum



HRA Priority Areas



Housing Infrastructure
Funding

Environmental Funding &
Support

HRA Program
Areas

Redevelopment Planning &
Assistance

Innovation Funds

What Does an HRA levy mean for the County?

- Ramsey County was the only county in the Twin Cities metropolitan area that does not actively levy for affordable housing until now!
- A County-wide levy raises up to \$11.1 million annually to fund affordable housing and redevelopment projects.
- Funds collected through a Ramsey County HRA Levy would be equitably distributed across St. Paul and suburban Ramsey County to support:
 - Preservation of existing and creation of new affordable housing
 - Build community wealth through stronger pathways to homeownership.
 - Advancing redevelopments to assist with housing, business retention, attraction, and expansion.
- Ramsey County's HRA levy area will extend across all of the County except North St. Paul at this time.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

- Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul joined together to commit \$74 million of ARPA funds to catalyze deeply affordable housing infrastructure (30% AMI units).
- The next Ramsey County solicitation for these funds is scheduled for February 14.
- ARPA funding may be layered with other funding sources (like HRA levy funding or HUD program funds) to ensure as many projects as possible are able to advance.

Additional Resources

- Ramsey County HRA webpage
www.RamseyCounty.us/HRA
 - Economic Inclusion Plan
www.RamseyCounty.us/economicinclusion
 - County Fiscal Health Presentation
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/81a74854-6432-454a-a5e9-6b019f127ed8>
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Ramsey County Commissioners/Mayors

Now that you have the Housing and Redevelopment levy, where will you spend these resources in your areas?

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MICAH State Legislative Priorities

Sue Watlov Phillips,
Executive Director MICAH,
Board President, National Coalition
for the Homeless



Homes for All

2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Policy Priorities

Equitable Access & Fair Treatment

- 🏠 Source of income non-discrimination
- 🏠 Lead Safe Homes Bill
- 🏠 Expand Senior Housing Eligible projects
- 🏠 Increase accessible units in new housing developments

Build More Homes & Shelters

- 🏠 State match for local housing trust funds
- 🏠 Housing infrastructure bonds
- 🏠 Shelter capital projects
- 🏠 Deeply affordable Housing Infrastructure Bonds (30% median & below)

Housing Stability and Anti-Displacement

- 🏠 Bring it Home Campaign
- 🏠 Pre-eviction notice and expungement reforms
- 🏠 Bridges Housing Voucher and landlord risk mitigation

Preserving More Homes

- 🏠 Support Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
- 🏠 Bonds for public housing

Homeownership for Wealth-Building

- 🏠 Manufactured Home Park Opportunity to Purchase
- 🏠 Weatherization Expansion



Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage.



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$1 million/year to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.



State Legislators:

We heard a lot of support for the Lead Safe Homes bill last year. How will you support the Lead Safe Homes bill this year?

How will you spend the state surplus and American Rescue Plan dollars to support housing?

John Slade, MICA – repeat back what we heard



Messages:

"Please support and hold a hearing on the Lead Safe Homes Bill."

Senator Rich Draheim

Chair, Housing Finance and Policy

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Rep. Hausman

Chair Housing Finance and Policy Comm.

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"Please use the Minnesota budget surplus and American Rescue Plan dollars to increase affordable housing opportunities."

Senator Jeremy R. Miller

Majority Leader

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Rep. Melissa Hortman

Speaker of the House

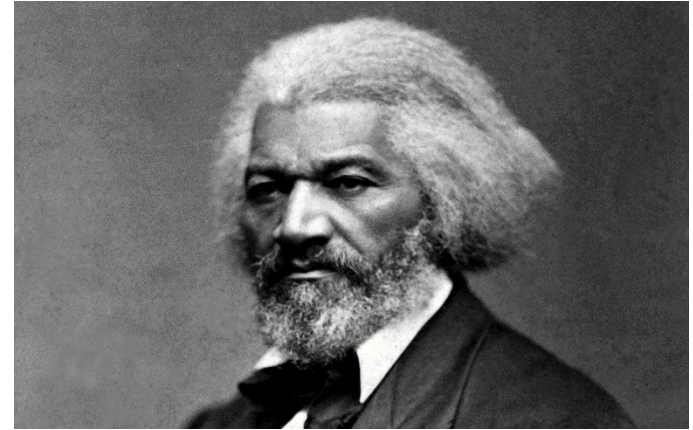
651-296-4280

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Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.





Ways to be Involved:

NorthEast Chapter Meetings - 2nd Tuesdays, 8:00am

MICAH Legislative Policy Breakfasts/Lunch

Friday, February 4 - Anoka County Chapter 8am-9:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeetingUrl>

Monday February 7 - Minneapolis Chapter at 2pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81916852388>

Friday, February 11 - Dakota County (South) Chapter 8am-9:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeetingUrl>

Friday, February 18 - Housing for All Chapter (Hennepin County) 8am-9:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeetingUrl>

Homes for All Annual Launch: The Crisis Stops Here - February 2, 12pm-1:30

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homes-for-all-annual-launch-the-crisis-stops-here-registration-244684747667>

Second Chance Day on the Hill - Save the Date! - Tuesday March 1 | Rally 12pm-1:30pm

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Days on the Hill - March 9-11

[Learn more and sign up.](#) - This will be a virtual event.











JRLC 'Day on the Hill' - Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30pm-8:45

(MICAH is a co-sponsor) Registration details soon at <https://jrlc.org/2022-day-on-the-hill>



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-  Sands Corporation
-  Reuter Walton Equitable Development Partnership
-  Ramsey County Voter Registration

