



# OUR MISSION

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360 Communities<sup>®</sup> delivers  
**safety and stability**  
that improves lives.

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## Program Areas

### Violence Prevention & Intervention



### Community Resources



### School Success







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# Community Resources

## Housing Support Program

- 360 Housing Support partners with SMRLS, LADC, Dakota County Court and Dakota County Social Services to put on the Dakota County Housing Clinic (DCHC)
- The DCHC provides legal, financial, and housing resources to eligible residential tenants during an initial eviction hearing
- Purpose is to help tenants avoid eviction & attain housing stability







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## Who are we seeing in eviction court?

In our fiscal year 2022, Housing Support Workers met with **1184** individuals and **623** families.

- We provided DCHC services during court to 523 households
- Approximately, **60%** were BIPOC
- **90%** of households were at or below poverty level
- Over **95%** of eviction filings are for nonpayment of rent







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## Why are people falling behind on their rent?

- Domestic violence
- People with disabilities, living on a fixed income and experience unexpected expenses
- Mental health conditions that impact ability to work
- Medical crisis such as high-risk pregnancies, surgeries, cancer, work-related injuries
- Housing costs are more than 30% of take-home income
- Job loss







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**Meet Gloria,** a single mom to a school-aged child and a three month old baby.

She had a high-risk pregnancy and bedrest. She was unable to work and fell behind on her rent.

At the time of her hearing, she had just started a new full-time job and her rent would be affordable going forward.

However, she didn't make enough to be able to pay the past due amount.





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## Violence Prevention and Intervention

- Domestic Violence is a leading cause of homelessness among women
- Victims are hesitant to leave their abuser for fear of becoming homeless
- When shelters are full, survivors are often faced with an impossible decision between returning to an abuser or risking homelessness.







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## Affordable housing is the #1 unmet need for DV survivors

- **53%** of women and **40%** of men report staying in an abusive situation because they had no housing
- 360 Communities provides relocation assistance **5,000** times per year to survivors seeking affordable housing







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## Meet Grace, mom to a 16-year-old boy, James

Grace had been experiencing both physical and sexual assault at home by her boyfriend, and things were escalating quickly.

When 360 staff first met Grace and James, they were staying in a hotel to escape the abuse.







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## Meet Grace, mom to a 16-year-old boy, James

Grace and James ended up coming to the Lewis House.

While she was there, 360 staff worked with her on goals related to housing, legal, school, and education needs for James.

Ultimately, she found safe housing.







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“ **What a gift this place [Lewis House] is to the community ... the endless compassion you provided me when I was in desperate need.**

**The people here are what makes this place what it is, and the work you do is life changing.**

**- Grace ”**







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## School Success Partners For Success®

- Homelessness creates barriers to school success for kids at all developmental stages.
- 360 Family Support Workers have seen an increased need of families behind on rent and struggling to maintain their housing.







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- Many families who are working, end up living in hotels because they don't have an income of 2 or 3 times the rent to qualify for a lease. Doing homework and cooking meals is extremely difficult with the whole family staying in one room.
- Several families 360 Communities works with have section 8 vouchers but have been unable to find a place that accepts the voucher.







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**Meet Joseph**, a second grade boy who was struggling with behavior in the classroom. Joseph often wanted to take naps in the nurse's office because he and his mom were moving to a different friend or family's place to stay each night.

360 staff helped his mom create picture charts of a bedtime and morning routine, so no matter where they slept Joseph could rely on having a regular routine.







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## What do our participants need to attain housing stability?

### Emergency Funding

Emergency rental assistance funds with requirements similar to the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance programs offered during the pandemic:

- low barrier
- fewer documentation requirements
- no requirements regarding legal residency







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## Changes to MN Evictions Laws

- Diversion programs, such as free or low cost mediation between landlords and tenants
- 14-day notice of intent to file an eviction for nonpayment of rent
- Staying eviction hearings if applications are pending for rent assistance
- Expungement reform – automatic expungements for dismissals, upon request by tenant if terms of settlement agreement are met, if agreed by parties during hearing







**Thank you!**

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## Long-Term Solutions:

- Additional homeless shelter spaces
- Transitional housing programs, especially for survivors of domestic violence
- Create incentives for landlords to accept Section 8 vouchers
- Affordable housing – new builds and NOAH
- First time buyer programs, particularly for BIPOC folks

