

# PRISM

## ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2021

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear PRISM Friends -

As the Covid-19 virus spreads, so does the awareness of how many people in our community need some extra help. Covid slowed down, or stopped, many businesses and people, but the opposite happened for us!

PRISM is proud to be one of the most active and successful RentHelpMN.org providers. We saw a 300% increase in the number of families served with rent assistance, while working seamlessly as a team, with Hennepin county, and the state of Minnesota. The Marketplace Food Shelf had 12,000 visits from people and families in 80 cities. Our reputation has indeed grown!

As the Keepers of Hope, we are looking for the silver linings and the unexpected wins. The need for our services is not new, but our ability to serve the community has evolved and has a greater impact than ever. Our vision is to be forward-thinking, and continuously improving our services.

Thanks to the generous community of donors and volunteers, PRISM continues to lead in providing innovative and dignified services that foster resilient individuals and a healthier, more sustainable community. You are invited to join us today!

In Peace and Health,

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Michelle Ness, MSW, LISW PRISM Executive Director





#### MISSION STATEMENT

Provide social services and connections that empower people in our community to build healthy, stable lives.

#### EQUITY STATEMENT

Dropping assumptions about our participants, volunteers, staff, and community to intentionally adapt and design quality, inclusive and individualized opportunities for success.

#### VALUES

Collaboration - Innovation - Dignity - Accountability

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

**Shop for Change** - In October we re-opened PRISM's Shop for Change Thrift Shop, which had been closed since March 2020. The Shop made over \$200,000 this year - all of which was invested back into PRISM programs.

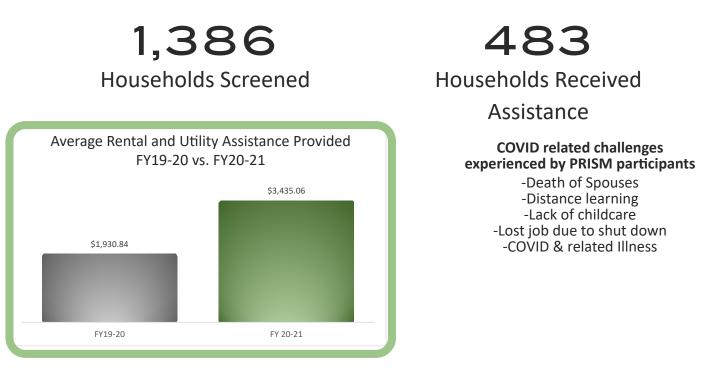
**Turkey Giveaway** - Spirits were lifted when 1,000 households received a turkey and all the fixings. We are thankful to the many volunteers and staff that helped make this event successful.

**Program Growth** - This year PRISM became a RentHelpMN.org provider, increased staff, and almost doubled the number of households served.

## HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Many PRISM participants live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford for anything to go wrong. This means a car repair, a sick day, and especially a pandemic can put participants dangerously close to not being able to cover rent or utilities. PRISM's Homelessness Prevention Program keeps these participants stably housed by providing rent, utility, and other housing assistance. Once participants received assistance, we followed up with them regularly to find out how they were doing and if they needed any additional help.

PRISM was fortunate to work with Hennepin County to process the many applications that came in from RentHelpMN.org. This partnership allowed us to provide \$1,705,787 in assistance, while other funding gave us the flexibility to help households who were not eligible through the RentHelpMN.org program.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Every day is a celebration at PRISM. Some celebrations are subtle, and happen every day like having a roof over our head and a meal on every table. Some celebrations come once a year - like a child's birthday, the start of school, and the December holidays. We help families celebrate with the Birthday Room, Back to School for Success, and Holiday Toy Shoppe. These programs are important because they provide tangible resources that let families maintain normalcy by celebrating holidays, birthdays, and the start of the school year despite financial hardship.

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Kids Received Cool Quality Backpacks Holiday Toys and Gifts



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Kids received



115 Kids Received **Birthday Gifts** 



## MARKETPLACE FOOD SHELF

The Marketplace Food Shelf makes sure the community not only has access to fresh, healthy food, but to diapers, baby formula, pet food, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and much, much, more. Because of the pandemic, participants were invited to visit us once a week instead of once per month. Each week they were given 100 pounds of pre-packed food and hygiene items. PRISM's pre-packed boxes were customized to meet participants' diverse and unique needs and preferences.

During Minnesota's bountiful summer months we ensure that participants' kitchens are stocked with extra produce. Monthly Produce Distribution days allow participants to grab access produce. We are proud to coordinate SNAP benefits at the local farmers markets, where shoppers get ten dollars of EBT/SNAP matched giving for produce purchases.

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Average number of times a family visits PRISM each year

1,046,535

Pounds of food donated and distributed 2,791

Households visited the Food Shelf





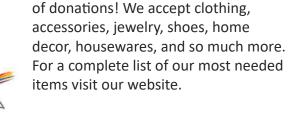


#### SHOP FOR CHANGE

#### **Shop for Change Hours**

Monday	9 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday	9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 7 PM
Friday	9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 3 PM





Shop for Change is always in need

Don't forget shopping at Shop for Change benefits PRISM's basic needs programs. Great new items for you, all while supporting the community.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



PRISM is able to do the best work because of the many people, groups, businesses, and organizations that believe in our mission. Support includes volunteers donating hours of their time, talent, and treasures. Neighbors and faith groups work together to organize food and clothing drives. Local businesses make their community safer through financial contributions. We are so very thankful to be part of a community that actively and enthusiastically provides stability and hope for the most vulnerable among us.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: FRANKIE'S CHICAGO STYLE

Kent Garbers and the entire staff at Frankie's Chicago Style in New Hope have supported PRISM for 10 years. They collect food donations **every week** from their customers and drop off at PRISM. In addition, Kent has helped promote the work PRISM does in the community to his retail neighbors in Winnetka Commons shopping center.

Frankie's Chicago Style is one of the most popular restaurants at PRISM's annual Taste of the 'Burbs fundraiser. Their small bites of pizza, cheese curds, and mozzarella sticks always draws a crowd.

When you eat at Frankie's Chicago Style Restaurant you are supporting one of PRISM's most generous business partners.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have gave of their time and talents to PRISM. This list reflects volunteers who provided 200+ hours this year. THANK YOU!

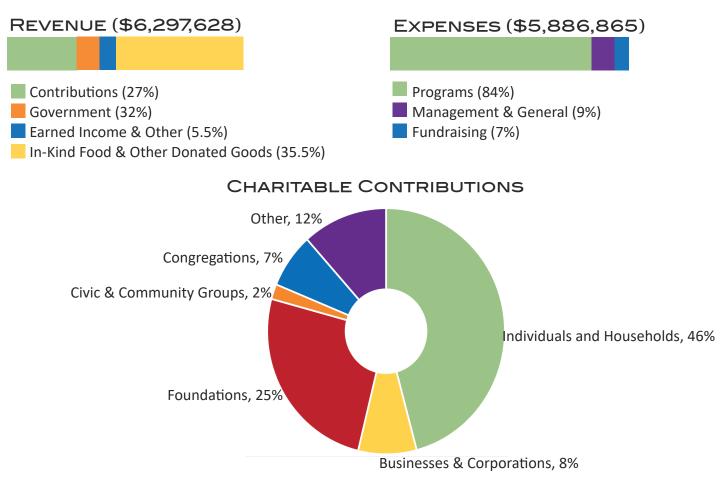
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### FINANCIALS



#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$651,544	\$808,614
Accounts Receivable	\$332,935	\$372,971
Prepaid Expenses	\$38,811	\$45,505
Other assets	\$288,490	\$145,233
TOTAL	\$1,306,780	\$1,325,753
Total Current Liabilities	\$198,624	\$88,869
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$162,765	\$4,169
Net Assets Without Donor Restriction	\$530,666	\$960,827
Net Assets With Donor Restriction	\$414,725	\$449,327
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$1,306,780	\$1,449,192

The electronic version of this report and our most recent Form 990 are available at www.prismmpls.org/financials Many thanks to our supporters!

## **THANK YOU DONORS!**

Donations listed are for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. This reflects payments made during the fiscal year. We do our best to list all donors accurately. If there are any errors, please contact us at aweis@prismmpls.org.

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