

# YWCA ST. PAUL

YWCA St. Paul (YWCA) is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA is a cornerstone institution that has served the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County since 1907 and has operated over the past three decades from its headquarters at 375 Selby Avenue in Saint Paul. We operate supportive housing, youth development and employment services from this location, and serve low-income women & families from communities of color, primarily African American. In addition to our direct service programs, we promote greater equity in our community through advocacy and racial justice education and facilitated dialogue across the Twin Cities.

## **CORE PROGRAM AREAS**

#### HOUSING

YWCA St. Paul owns and manages nine buildings providing affordable housing to families as part of our supportive housing programs. These housing units are for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and combine affordable housing with customized support services that help participants stabilize their lives, build new skills, connect to community and secure a future of safe, stable housing.

Transitional Housing Program helps single-parent families build life skills and establish stability while living in one of YWCA St. Paul's Transitional Housing sites.

Permanent Supportive Housing provides safe and affordable housing with supportive services specifically tailored to help families who experience significant barriers that have resulted in long-term homelessness.

#### • EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our employment programs empower people to build professional skills and overcome barriers to employment to enhance self-sufficiency. Providing access to employment opportunities, training and ongoing support services provides people with the assistance they need to secure living wage employment.

#### • YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

YWCA St. Paul's youth development programs provide connections, resources, and a safe space to build community. Providing access to leadership development, goal setting, life skills and strong relationships supports young people in exploring career opportunities and higher education.

### THE NEED FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT

YWCA St. Paul (YWCA) owns and manages nine buildings providing affordable housing to families as part of our supportive housing program. These older buildings (built between 1920-1940) are located in the City of St. Paul and require capital investment to ensure they remain safe homes for the families we serve and to meet regulatory requirements.

Urgent repairs to 375 Selby Ave., YWCA St. Paul's central office, will facilitate continued operation of YWCA St. Paul's supportive housing, employment and youth development services programs that meet critical needs.