



SOUTHSIDE FAMILY NURTURING CENTER

*Together with families and community, we nurture children,
build on family strengths and find alternatives to violence.*

Celebrating 45-Years of Service in the South Minneapolis, Phillips Community

Founded in 1974 by three visionary women: Beverly Blinde, Linda Haugen and Jean (Winje) Christie, Southside Family Nurturing Center was one of the first private, nonprofit agencies in Minnesota to implement holistic family interventions. Ultimately, we aim to advance health and education equity across race and income in South Minneapolis with a holistic, dual generation, trauma-informed program model, including 1) Therapeutic Early Childhood Education and 2) Family Home Visiting and Support.



SSFNC Receives Funding to Expand Home Visiting

Through grants from the Minnesota Department of Health and Medica Foundation, Southside will be expanding home visiting services to an additional 24 families over the next three years. We are also transitioning from the evidence based curriculum Nurturing Parenting to Family Spirit. This comes after feedback from families about cultural relevance as well as a desire to connect more authentically with Native families, for whom the curriculum was particularly designed. It is, however, easily adaptable and relevant for families of other diverse backgrounds. Currently we are hiring two additional home visitors with a preference for candidates with strong ties in the Native American community (see side bar for details). We are excited about how this expansion will deepen our impact with families and our community.



Harvey Winje and Susan Gust Retire

On April 28th, we were honored to host a celebration of Harvey and Susan's years of service to the community with their building renovation and maintenance work. Harvey and Susan served SSFNC for over 40 years as facility managers and cared for SSFNC's building and grounds like it was their own home. They will be truly missed and Southside is happy to wish them well on the launch of their retirement!

We Are Hiring

- 2 full-time Home Visitors with connections in the Native American Community,
- A 32-hour per week bi-lingual (Spanish/English) Assistant Preschool Teacher, and
- A part-time Clinical Play Therapist.

Please visit the following links for details about the positions and to apply. Please also share with any qualified candidates in your networks.

[Home Visitor](#)

[Preschool Assistant Teacher](#)

[Clinical Play Therapist](#)



*Drumming and Dancing Across Cultures continues, supported by a **MRAC**! Pictured above is Fatawu of Tiymba Drum & Dance Company.*

Thank You Greater Twin Cities United Way

Southside Family Nurturing Center was recently awarded a generous grant from the Greater Twin Cities United Way. We are grateful for their sustained partnership and that of the larger community from which they draw to advancing health education equity for highest-risk children in our community.

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Honor Our 45th Anniversary Help Buy a Bus

Our bus leases have expired and we have the opportunity to buy our two buses. Transportation is vitally important to the success of SSFNC's dual-generation program. Our goal is to raise \$45,000. We are grateful for a \$5,000 grant from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Foundation to seed this campaign. Celebrate our 45th Anniversary with a special gift! To give, use the donate button below.

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