



## SOUTHSIDE FAMILY NURTURING CENTER

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



Dear Southside Friends,

The time is now. This is the time to gather in community, listen with compassion and intent, and *speak to truth*.

In the wake of George Floyd's tragic murder by police, in our mourning, and in our search for the soul of our community, people en masse are being *awakened*. Our collective awareness to racism and historical injustice is awakening people to *challenge and change* institutional and individual belief systems. How you and I reflect and challenge ourselves, one by one, are the seeds for *change*. Southside Family Nurturing Center (SSFNC) is standing in solidarity.

And yes indeed, the *time is up!* At SSFNC we are reaffirming our mission and commitment to our community to work together to nurture and cultivate a community where everyone matters, where everyone feels safe and respected regardless of race, ethnicity or religious beliefs, and where health and education disparities across differences are *no more*.

To the many individuals, foundations, church and civic organizations that have reached out so generously to SSFNC to support our ongoing work or to express concern for the safety of our families, staff and building during this time, we send our sincere thanks. The magnitude and impact of new and raw trauma, heaped upon the back of historical trauma experienced by black, indigenous, and immigrant families in our community will command the sustained attention of our human and financial resources far into the future.

Throughout COVID-19 and the demonstrations and rioting in South Minneapolis ignited by the darkest of racial injustices, we remain vigilant to the safety and crisis needs of our families. With the support of our community we've been able to make weekly grocery and educational deliveries to 40 families, and continue virtual home visiting and therapeutic early childhood education. Most recently, families have been invited to a healing place at SSFNC to reclaim the earth, nurture family, and cultivate food.

We stand in solidarity with our community. We will call out injustices and we will amplify our call for justice. Engaging children and families in a holistic therapeutic early childhood education and culturally relevant home visiting, is a model that we will bring to our community table to address disparities across race and income. Change and equity will only come by a committed and sustained effort.

In partnership,

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- **Our Mission:** Together with community we nurture children, build on family strengths and find alternatives to violence.
- [www.ssfnc.org](http://www.ssfnc.org)
- [Evidence Based Model](#)
- [Annual Report](#)

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## Deep Gratitude for Recent Community & Foundation Support During These Times of Crisis

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- Edina Federated Women's Club
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Lynne & Andrew Redleaf Foundation
- Minneapolis Kiwanis Foundation
- Mortenson Family Foundation
- Polaris
- The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
- The Sheltering Arms Foundation

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- Dessa Wander for funneling thousands of dollars in benefit funds to SSFNC
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