



SOUTHSIDE FAMILY NURTURING CENTER

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

Tidings of Peace, Gratitude, and Light

In a year of collective uncertainty, SSFNC is trusting in the light, and in what is possible. We see and are ignited by family strides every day!

This week, a courageous, single father of four children and living in a shelter came to SSFNC to pick up groceries. He greeted us with a warm smile, stepped back before “hugging” us, and placed a Chromebook on the table. “I want to get my daughter online for one-on-one learning with her teacher, it’s been hard, but, every day she says, ‘why can’t I go to school?’ I want to make this happen!”

Some of the ways your light has been present this year...

SSFNC closed temporarily in March due to COVID-19. Within three days of suspending face-to-face services, we transitioned to:

- Remote Home Visiting support via phone and telemedicine conferencing, virtual crisis and therapeutic support
- Remote Early Childhood Education with weekly delivery of homeschool materials
- Virtual classroom lessons via YouTube and resumed in-person Early Childhood Education in Aug-Oct
- Weekly delivery of healthy, fresh and non-perishable groceries to 35 families per week
- Socially distanced healing gardening between families and their home visitors

We extend our gratitude for sharing your gifts with Southside Family Nurturing Center to create better futures and greater equity. We are honored to walk this path with you.



Brightening the Holidays for Southside Families: 2020 Holiday Store

Through the collaborative effort of individuals, our community, church groups, and area businesses, each year SSFNC parents “shop for free” for a gift for each of their family members at Southside's HOLIDAY STORE. This year's HOLIDAY STORE is as important as ever to 200+ children and adults in need. We want to extend our appreciation to **Mount Olivet Lutheran Church** and the employees at **HGC** for the enormous donation of gifts this year. We are also grateful for the many **individuals who gave in-kind and financial gifts and/or organized a giving drive with friends, family and community members**. You are the "angels" of this season for SSFNC children and families. Thank you!

Advancing Health With Food Access

Thanks to a \$20,000 CARES Act grant from Hennepin County, we've been able to deliver groceries to 35 families in our program weekly for the past three months.



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In a year like none other, we recognize our generous funders who have sustained our work and partnered with us in advancing equity:

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