



2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Transforming our
community into a
better place to live,
work, and raise a
family

Serving the East Side
of Saint Paul
since 1908



Helping over 14,400
people on the East
Side of Saint Paul
annually



Merrick Community Services' mission is to improve the lives of residents of the East Side of Saint Paul by empowering individuals, strengthening families, and promoting their independence.



Institutional Supporters giving \$5,000 or more to our Programs:

- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- 3MGives
- Agribank
- McNeely Foundation
- Hugh J Andersen Foundation
- Pohlad Foundation
- Woodland Hills Church
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- Hunger Solutions
- RBC Wealth Management
- Church of Saint Ambrose of Woodbury
- Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
- Minnesota Council on Economic Education
- Xcel Energy Foundation

Program Accomplishments:

- **Senior Independence Services – 947 individuals served** through Merrick's Meals on Wheels, Brown Bags Healthy Grocery Drop-off, Chore Assistance Program, Referral Services, and Senior Health and Well-Being Group.
- **Employment Services – 1,875 individuals served** through the East Side Job Bank, Environmental and Construction Workers Training Program, and Highway Heavy Occupations Training, and over 200 jobs reported earned.
- **Youth & Family Services – 1,048 individuals served** through Family Case Management, Parenting Education and Groups, and Youth After School and Summer Programming. **1,950 children** from the East Side also received toys over the holidays through Holiday Share.
- **Food Shelf Services – 8,602 individuals served** over 625,000 pounds of food through a Food Shelf site, a mobile food shelf, and Emergency Services.
- 588 volunteers provided 16,278 hours of support to Merrick.

Organizational Updates:

- Sold Merrick Community Center on Edgerton, where we operated for over 50 years. We now operate out of 4 locations in Saint Paul's East Side, headquartered at the Old Swedish Bank at 965 Payne Avenue.
- Our "Merrick on the Move" Capital Campaign continued gaining support towards the development of a community center on Saint Paul's East Side. With two \$1Million gifts from 3M and Hardenbergh Foundation and commitments from other supporters, the campaign has raised over \$4.25 million, is half-way towards its financial goal, and is close to providing additional community space for East Siders.
- Senior Independence Services began a 'Brown Bag' program, providing 69,624 pounds of meats and vegetables to homebound and low-income seniors to sustain their nutritional needs.
- Merrick's Job Bank moved to a smaller location, but increased its outreach and one-on-one services, attending parades and radio shows to promote its programming to East Siders, and offering career navigation support to individuals seeking livable wage employment.
- A new partnership with HOPE Community Academy, in Railroad Island, has given Merrick's Youth & Family Services the opportunity to work with students and their families from this school, which primarily educates children from Hmong families. This partnership with HOPE has opened the doors to new programming opportunities and community events in Railroad Island, including summer school enhancement, after-school, and gym-based activities.
- Merrick's Food Shelf consolidated its operations at Woodland Hills, and volunteers, donors and participants in Merrick's food shelf have played a large role in expanding the services of our food shelf. A mobile food shelf has been created to address the needs of Hispanic and Hmong families on the East Side – coming closer to each community, both geographically and nutritionally. Culturally specific produce and healthy foods are provided to families in the Hispanic and Hmong communities – an effort that was a direct response to the requests of the community.

Statement of Activities

Source: Audited Financial Statement from Harrington, Langer & Associates

for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014

Support and Revenue	2014	2013
Contributions	\$595,553	\$1,562,891
United Way	285,359	269,901
Total Support	880,912	1,832,792
Revenue		
Government Agencies	485,007	281,458
Program Service Fees	72,139	87,040
Special Events	3,150	10,415
Rental Income	7,990	4,459
Investment Gain	7,206	38,716
Gain on Sale of Fixed Assets	344,884	
Other Loss	(440)	(17)
Total Revenue	919,936	422,071
Total Support and Revenue	1,800,848	2,254,863
Expenses		
Program Services	1,099,476	940,530
Capital Campaign	266,040	247,535
Administrative	284,783	201,695
Fundraising	91,046	95,582
Total Expenses	1,741,345	1,485,342
Net Assets, Beginning	1,855,045	1,085,524
Net Assets, Ending	\$1,914,548	\$1,855,045

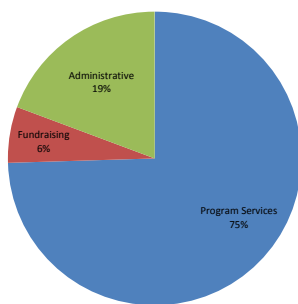
Statement of Financial Position

Source: Audited Financial Statement from Harrington, Langer & Associates

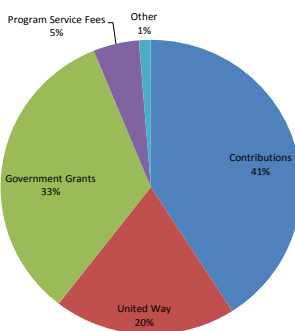
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Assets	2014	2013
Current Assets	\$2,300,867	\$1,278,804
Property, Equipment	13,675	1,351,639
Other Assets	505,902	225,354
Total Assets	2,820,444	2,855,797
Liabilities and Net Assets	2014	2013
Current Liabilities	143,209	249,138
Long Term Liabilities	762,687	751,614
Net Assets	1,914,548	1,855,045
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,820,444	\$2,855,797

2013-2014 Expenses*



2013-2014 Revenue*



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 Sue Scheel, Senior Services Assistant
 Terri Wilcox, Accounting Clerk
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*As of July 1, 2014

*The expenses and revenues in the above pie charts represent Merrick Community Services' annual operations and do not include Capital Campaign revenue or expenses.

About Merrick Community Services

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Who we help:

We provide basic needs & stability opportunities to residents of Saint Paul's East Side and beyond - including families, homebound seniors, unemployed adults, and youth. The effects of poverty include hunger, poor nutrition, threats to remaining in one's home, limited social and development opportunities for youth, and the constant cycle of 'never catching up'. Saint Paul's East Side unfortunately is home to some startling statistics: **40% of children on Saint Paul's East Side live in poverty, 50% of African Americans on the East Side live in poverty, and 13% of East Siders are unemployed.** (Source: US Census, American Community Survey, 5-year average, 2009-2013)

Our programs:

Employment Services

The East Side Job Bank enables residents to identify and obtain jobs. Trained staff members help residents successfully navigate the employment search and interviewing process, and a walk-in education and technology center allows participants access to use computers, copy and fax machines, in support of job attainment. The Environmental and Construction Workers Training Program and the Highway Heavy Occupations Training program are free hands-on construction trainings for East Side adults so they can obtain jobs paying \$18/hour or more.

Food Shelf Services

Our food shelf serves individuals and families in crisis or poverty. A stationary food shelf operates out of the Food Shelf at Woodland Hills Church, which is open three days a week. With a focus on healthy food options that are right for each household's unique needs, the food shelf is able to help close the hunger gap for the working poor, unemployed and underemployed, and families facing acute financial distress. Two mobile food shelves are deployed on Saint Paul's East Side on Saturdays, offering healthy and fresh culturally specific food items to Hmong and Hispanic families. Produce Give-a-Ways occur monthly during the warmer months, and are a great way to put healthy produce on the tables of households that cannot afford to purchase such essential items.

Senior Independence Services

We have operated one of the largest Meals on Wheels programs in Ramsey County for over 30 years, delivering nutritious food to elderly residents of the East Side from Monday through Friday each week. Our 'Brown Bag' program offers healthy groceries, including fresh produce and meats, to low-income seniors. Our Chore Assistance Program helps seniors maintain housekeeping, yard work, and make minor household repairs which assist seniors to remain independent and in their homes. Our Senior Health and Well-Being Group meets weekly for activities that focus on senior health and social needs.

Youth & Family Services

Family Programming includes family case management and family reunification, using a holistic approach. Parenting Education and Groups include support groups for survivors of domestic violence and families experiencing poverty. Youth programming is aimed at providing East Side youth quality after-school and summer day programming through a STEM based club, tutoring and homework assistance, social engagement, field trips, and community service projects.

