

# YOUR IMPACT CHANGES LIVES

**STEPPING  
Stone**  
ending homelessness



**Thursday, September 9**

shotgun start 11:30 am

**The Refuge Golf Club**

21250 Yellow Pine St NW  
Oak Grove, MN

PARTEE *fore* A PURPOSE

Golf • Dinner • Sponsor

Register at [SteppingStoneEH.org](http://SteppingStoneEH.org)

COME *fore*  
THE PARTEE  
STAY *fore*  
THE PURPOSE

## JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING DAY

Have you reserved your spot for the ParTee?

Stepping Stone's annual golf tournament, ParTee Fore A Purpose, is coming up soon!

Join us for golf and dinner all while making an impact on the success of our residents who are actively striving towards self-sufficiency. Your participation and support are an integral part of our residents' success!

Golf registration includes a boxed lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets.

Registration Options:

- Foursome - \$450
- Twosome - \$225
- 18-Hole Single - \$125
- Dinner Only - \$25

Add-ons include mulligans, eagles, punch board, raffle tickets, and more!

Register online at [SteppingStoneEH.org](http://SteppingStoneEH.org) or scan the QR code.

## SPONSORSHIP

**All Five Sponsorship Levels Include:**

- Logo on registration banner, website, e-newsletters, social media, and printed media.
- Promotional item in goody bags.
- Hole sponsorship including signage, table and two chairs, one lunch, one dinner, and a golf cart for the day.

**Sponsorship Levels:**

Self-Sufficiency - \$5,000  
 Housing - \$2,500  
 Employment - \$1,000  
 Education PLUS - \$350  
 Education - \$250

See our website for more details or scan the QR code.



## ONLINE AUCTION!

This year the ParTee silent auction is online!



Place your bid on specialized sport-themed items including an extremely RARE pair of Kevin Garnett signed shoes!

Get your bid in at our website or scan the QR code.

Bidding ends on Thursday, September 9, at 5:45pm!



The Ramsey Lions will be matching first \$10,000 in donations to the ParTee!

# A PIVOTAL FIRST STEP

Julie Jeppson, Executive Director

As we wind down the Summer of 2021, I'm reflecting on what we were doing at this point last year and what we will be doing to prepare for this coming winter. This time last year, I had no idea that the worst months of COVID were about to be upon us. We were positioned well, in that half of our residents were living in a hotel. With lessons learned from that hotel experience, we decided earlier this spring that having our residents, all 66 residents, back together at the shelter far outweighed the potential of contracting COVID.

You see, a hotel door is a little less than 2 inches thick. Those couple inches may as well be 100 feet. Seclusion and isolation are debilitating and damaging to a human being. Their personal decision to remain secluded and isolated, added to chemical dependency, mental illness, physical immobility, trauma, depression, etc. is a recipe for personal harm and regression.

Shelter is a massive component to ending homelessness...if done poorly and punitively, shelter can keep a person in the vicious cycle of their current reality. But, if done well, it is a pivotal first step towards stability, self-sufficiency, and never needing to be in this life-place ever again. But what does that mean? What does it mean "to do shelter well?" Two initiatives that started these past two months will help answer that question for Stepping Stone.

Stepping Stone has begun the work in developing our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. We have partnered with GrayHall to assist us in defining who we are and where we're going over the next three years. As a result of COVID and the eviction moratorium, the number of those who are experiencing homelessness is projected to dramatically increase. Stepping Stone will have

to be proactive in decisions we make with this anticipated increase and the challenges that come with it.

The second initiative is more involved. This past month, I was appointed and elected Chair to the State's Shelter Task Force. This is a year-long initiative directed by the MN legislature to examine existing shelter policies and practices, to engage stakeholders, and to make recommendations to the legislature in order to strengthen the shelter system and ensure that shelters have the ability and resources to provide services essential for someone to end their homelessness once and for all.

As a result of developing Stepping Stone's Strategic Plan and participating in the Shelter Task Force, we will have a clear direction in how we will do shelter well, while carrying out our mission of providing emergency shelter and critical support services while our residents strive towards self-sufficiency.



Picture from our 2021 Real Stories | One Stage Event

## THE IMPACT OF EMPOWERMENT

Jatu's Story is summarized from Real Stories | One Stage

When I was 25 years old, I used to work. I used to have my own shop and everything as my father died and my mother was depending on me. I used to do everything for my family.

Then war came to my country in Liberia. I came here and held multiple jobs. I was working in a nursing home and in life insurance. I was doing a lot for myself, because I didn't want to put a burden on anyone or to be a liability on somebody.

But then my Temporary Protected Status (TPS) ended. I tried my best to reapply. I left my children in Liberia for a war. If war had not come to Liberia, I would have gone back long time ago, so I

was hustling to help my mom and my children back home. I send money. I tried for many years to get paper to go back home to go and see my children. I have not seen them in 34 years. It breaks my heart.

Then I was hopping from friend's home to friend's home, but everything kept going downhill. I was blamed for sickness. I was ill-treated. And then I was in and out of the hospital with cancer. I was discharged and I was told to go home. I didn't have anywhere to go.

I have been living like this since 2007 when I lost my TPS status. Last June, I finally came to Stepping Stone. My case

manager has been looking out for me and even helped me to find a lawyer to help me with my paperwork!

Everyone has been very, very, very kind to me. If it wasn't for Stepping Stone, I wouldn't live. There's more to my life. There's more to my story. There's more.

Watch the complete and powerful portrayal at [SteppingStoneEH.org](http://SteppingStoneEH.org).





# YOUR SUPPORT IMPACTS LIVES

Your support of Stepping Stone through financial donations, attending fundraisers, donating needed items, and volunteering are an integral part of our residents' success!

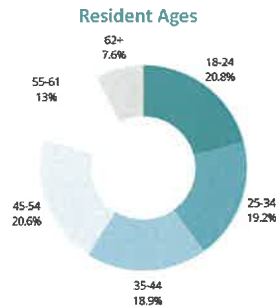
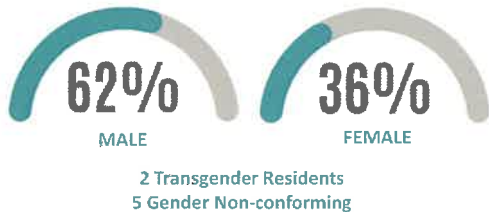
We can't do this without you! We continue to be grateful for your dedication and support. Below is a snapshot from our Annual Report of how you've helped change lives in 2020. The full Annual Report will be available soon on our website.



## YOUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



### RESIDENT DATA



Blessed and grateful for the amazing staff and resources. I've been settled in my studio for the past three weeks and it's been amazing.

-Joseph, Past Resident

### EXPANSION NEWS!

Stepping Stone has expanded into Washington County. We hired two new staff to manage our residents in two hotel locations.



# The Edna Hoium Education and Support Fund

During the winter of 2013, long-time Anoka County employee and retiree Edna Hoium stepped in to work at Stepping Stone Emergency Housing to help prevent it from closing after a few pivotal employees walked out one day.

Edna's passion and tenacity stabilized Stepping Stone, slowly getting it back on solid financial ground.

In honor of her memory, Edna's family wished to do more to permanently acknowledge her legacy and helped set-up the Edna Hoium Education and Support Fund. This fund is for current and former residents with unmet educational expenses or support, such as equipment needed to gain or retain employment.

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

Stepping Stone is accepting donations to the Edna Hoium Education and Support Fund.

Contributions can be made as a memorial to a family member or friend, or in honor of a person on a special occasion such as a birthday. Please note on your donation your intent of restricting it towards this fund.



Edna Hoium Memorial Wall with painting by Edna's granddaughter, Lindsey Grove (pictured).

## REAL STORIES | ONE STAGE

Thank you to all who joined us for Real Stories | One Stage this year. If you missed it, you can still watch the replay. Video link is on our homepage and blog at [SteppingStoneEH.org](http://SteppingStoneEH.org)



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### VOLUNTEER

Currently, we have an urgent need for front desk volunteers. Come greet our residents and guests!



### DONATE A MEAL

Donate a meal or help with a cookout. Can't provide food? A donation of \$25 provides 17 meals!



### REGISTER FORE THE PARTEE

Help us sell out ParTee Fore A Purpose. Even if you don't golf, come enjoy a wonderful dinner feast.

## Our Guiding Principles

- Empower individuals to change their lives
- Treat each resident with dignity and respect
- Collaborate with partners in providing services
- Ensure strong stewardship in managing resources

## Stay in Touch



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will be available online soon!*

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