



in Minnesota. Born out of a common civic desire to address the homeownership gap between white households and households of color, the Center partners with ground-level nonprofits and government agencies to offer homebuyer counseling and education classes and promote the wealth-building value of sustainable homeownership. These efforts address the myths that lead many to self-select out of owning their own home, and include pre-purchase counseling, referrals to financing assistance programs, post-purchase counseling and foreclosure prevention resources. We believe that smart, sustainable homeownership empowers people and families to build assets and helps to create vibrant and thriving communities.

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,



2017 was another exciting year for the Center. We convened the Homeownership Opportunity Alliance to actively promote easier access to successful homeownership for households of color. We embarked on the development of an equity lens through which we can examine our work on an ongoing basis.

And we continued our efforts to develop a sustainable business model for the delivery of homeownership services.

Through these exercises and efforts, we were able to forge clear guiding principles around what we do, and how and why we do it:

- What We support community-based organizations with the structure and funding to develop and deliver culturallyresponsive homeownership education and advising. And we collaborate and lead the development of innovative homeownership programming.
- How We link individuals, homeownership advisors and industry stakeholders.
- Why Because equitable access to homeownership is essential to strong communities and creates opportunities for generations to come.

Our work remains vital to extending the benefits of sustainable homeownership to those Minnesotans who have traditionally been left behind, and we remain committed to pursuing this mission. I know you share my enthusiasm around where we're headed and how we're impacting our collective community, and I thank you for your support of our work.

**JULIE GUGIN** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Uhr

# **2017 IMPACT**

6,114 IN-PERSON HOMEBUYER CLASS AND COUNSELING **PARTICIPANTS** 

> 58% Households of Color **22%** First Generation Homebuyers

9,627

ONLINE HOMEBUYER **EDUCATION COURSE PARTICIPANTS** 

66% Increase over 2016

1,367 FORECLOSURE COUNSELING HOUSEHOLDS

998 Foreclosures Avoided



Home buyer education classes can be taken either in-person or online.

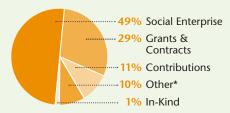
## 2017 FINANCIALS

#### **NET ASSETS**





#### **INCOME TOTAL \$5,661,628**



Other income includes loan repayments, sales of Home Stretch manuals, interest and earned income

#### **EXPENSE TOTAL \$2,808,430**



### SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Associated Bank

Bank of the West

Bell Mortgage

**BMO Harris Bank** 

Minneapolis Community Planning and **Economic Development** 

St. Paul Planning and Economic Development

Family Housing Fund

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund

Hennepin County

**HRK Foundation** 

The McKnight Foundation

Minnesota Housing

SFM Mutual Insurance Company

**Target Foundation** 

TCF Foundation

US Bank

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation Wells Fargo

## **NETWORK**

1st Home Network

African Development Center

African Economic Development Solutions

Anoka County Community Action Program

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency Bii Gii Wiin

Carver County Community Development Agency

Central Minnesota Housing Partnership

City of St. Paul Planning & Economic Development

Community Action Duluth

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)

**Dakota County Community Development** Agency

Headwaters Regional Development Commission

**Hmong American Partnership** 

**KOOTASCA Community Action** 

Lakes and Prairies Community Action **Partnership** 

Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota

LSS Financial Counseling

Minneapolis Urban League

Model Cities of St. Paul

Neighborhood Development Alliance

NeighborWorks Home Partners

Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

One Roof Community Housing

PRG, Inc.

Project for Pride In Living (PPL)

Reverse Mortgage Counselors, Inc.

Scott County Community Development Agency

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

Strickland Associates

Three Rivers Community Action

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Umoja Community Development Corporation

Washington County Community **Development Agency** 

West Central Minnesota Communities Action

White Earth Investment Initiative Wright County Community Action

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