

Arise Project

Greater Twin Cities United Way's Arise Project envisions a Minnesota where all youth, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, have the support and resources they need to reach their full potential. Specifically, we see a community where every LGBTQ youth is safe, supported, connected, and full of aspiration. Join this giving community to support organizations, programs, and initiatives that are working to support LGBTQ youth in their goal to obtain and maintain safe, stable, and affordable housing.



OUR PROGRESS

Together, since 2011, we have:

Raised nearly
\$2 Million

Provided grants to
8 nonprofit partners (many receiving multiple grants)

Connected more than
3,300 youth to resources

OUR FOCUS

YOUTH IDENTIFYING AS LGBTQ WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.



According to the Minnesota Homeless Study, at least 23% of an estimated 13,300 youth who experience homelessness identify as LGBTQ. Of those who identify as LGBTQ, 68% identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, or a person of color, compounding the impacts of systemic discrimination.

The need outpaces the currently available resources, with fewer than 120 shelter beds for youth and a severe shortage of supportive housing. We work to address these issues by:

- **Partnering with nonprofits that provide wrap-around services designed specifically for LGBTQ youth**, including outreach, counseling, case management, shelter, and housing.
- **Advocating** for and raising awareness and consensus around the issues faced by LGBTQ communities in our area.

MEMBERSHIP

Gifts of any amount support the programs funded by Arise Project. Annual donations given at the following levels qualify as a member of Arise Project with the corresponding benefits. In addition, it's a great way to interact with other changemakers!

	Leadership Member	Community Member
Minimum donation	\$500/yr	\$20/month
Opportunity to serve on the Steering Committee	x	
Opportunity to chair a committee	x	
Vote on funding decisions for community partners	x	
Two complimentary tickets to Arise+Shine	x	
Option to volunteer on a sub-committee	x	x
Participate in meaningful volunteer projects serving local homeless youth	x	x
Discounted tickets to selected events	x	x



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Why Arise Project Works

Arise Project is a giving community dedicated to identifying needs for LGBTQ homeless youth that were previously invisible to our community. Our funded nonprofit partners have found that LGBTQ specific programming gives these youth a safe, welcoming way to access services they would otherwise not feel comfortable with.

Here's just one example of how Arise Project funding has impacted a youth supported by our partner, The Bridge for Youth:

“During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, D joined The Bridge’s LGBTQ+ support group, “So What if I Am”, which is being supported by The United Way Arise Project. D, age 13, was attending a parochial Christian school. As someone who identifies as bisexual and uses the pronouns they/them, D did not feel accepted at school and had very few friends. Through their participation in “So What if I Am” D found acceptance and, more importantly, community. D has attended every week, first virtually and later in-person, once COVID restrictions were eased. They have found the experience very supportive, especially once the group shifted back to in-person sessions, giving the opportunity to talk with others face to face.”



Get Involved

Arise Project thrives with active members, passionate about collaborating and serving the community. Arise Project is led by a Steering Committee and supported by sub-committees. Members are encouraged to volunteer on one or more committees to support and advance the vision. Members of all committees are dedicated volunteers who are essential to the success of Arise Project.

STEERING	CORPORATE/ERG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Provide tactical execution of engagement opportunities and fundraising efforts · Establish and leverage community partnerships to promote Arise Project · Approve funding decisions for community partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Promote Arise Project within workplace giving campaigns · Promote Arise Project with LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Groups · Identify Company prospects for Arise Project sponsorship
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	VOLUNTEER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Recruit new members through networking and fundraising · Build relationships with other LGBTQ+ community organizations · Help plan and support Arise Project events · Communicate community impact to members and prospects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Recruit and supervise volunteers who will assist with recruitment events hosted by Arise Project · Identify and promote volunteer opportunities with funded partners

