

# Welcome to MICAH's Housing For All 2023 Virtual Bus Tour!

Tour Guide: Sue Watlov Phillips, Ex. Director, MICAH

**MICAH's HFA Affordable Housing Virtual Bus Tour**



# Faith Reflection & Overview

**Welcome and Host:** Joyce McNutt,  
Community Mediation and Restorative Services

**Faith Reflection:** Ed Goldsmith, MICAH Board Member

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# Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing



**MICAHA lives out the prophetic vision that calls us  
"to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God."  
(Micah 6:8).**

**MICAHA envisions a metropolitan area where everyone  
without exception has a safe, decent, accessible, and  
affordable home.**



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# Rules of the Bus

- Our meeting is being recorded so others can review it later.
- Please stay muted until you are called on.
- Raise your hand physically or in the participants menu, or in the chat for question.
- If at any point the audio or video presentation seems choppy, try turning off your camera feed.
- No spitballs!

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*Are you ready?*

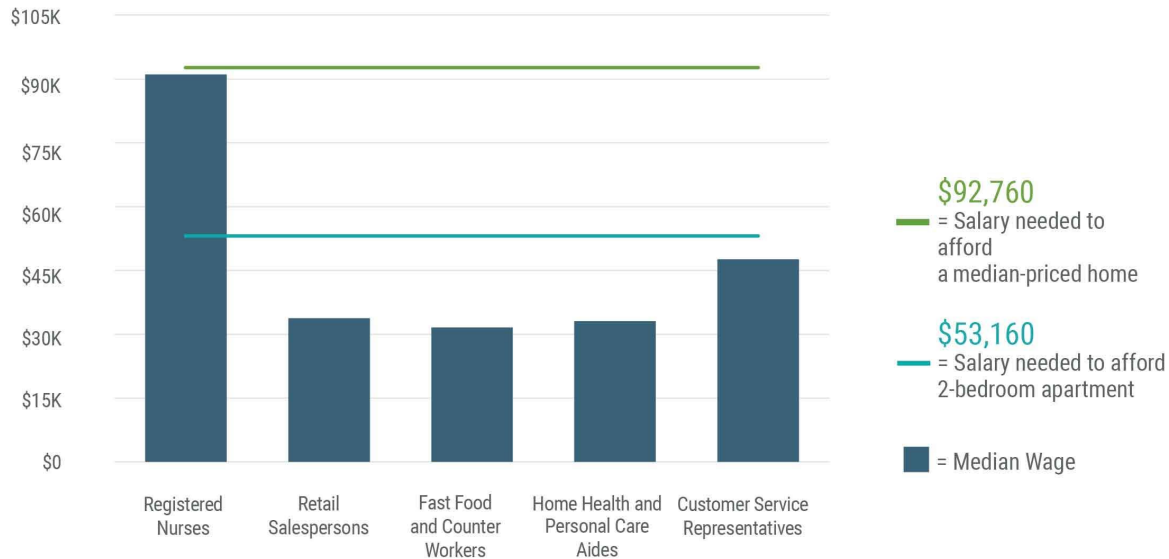
**Let's get on board!**

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The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

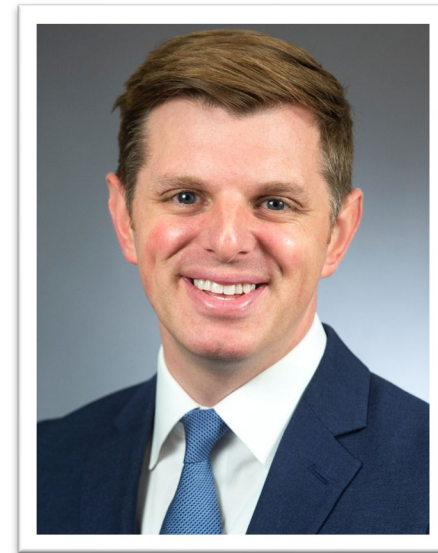
THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs HENNEPIN'S COST OF HOUSING



<b>Cost-Burdened</b> <i># of households in Hennepin County</i>	Renter:	84,654
	Owner:	62,410
	Total:	147,064

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**Presenter:**  
Chair Michael Howard  
Housing Finance and Policy

2023 Minnesota Legislative Session Successes  
\$2.4 Billion for Affordable Housing

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*Thank You,*

**Rep. Michael Howard**

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**Let's get to our next stop!**

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**Presenter:**

Sandra Morbeg Walls

Program Director

Restorative Justice and Court Services Community



CMRS, Inc. is a nonprofit community-based mediation and restorative justice provider. We are committed to developing the capacity of our community to respectfully resolve conflict and repair harm.

For over 30 years we have helped people have respectful and productive conversations, resulting in better understanding and creative, concrete solutions. FHPAP Fast Track and Court interventions.

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*Thank You,*

# Community Mediation & Restorative Services

[www.cmrsmn.org](http://www.cmrsmn.org)

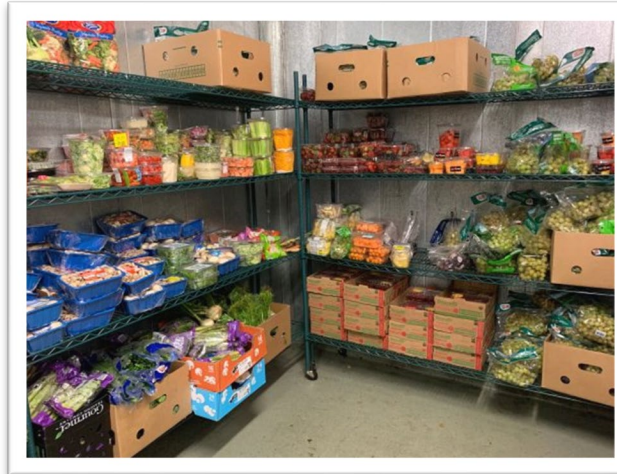
(763) 561-0033

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**Presenter:**  
Esther Hollander  
Director of Program Advancement

Our mission is to provide mercy and aid to those in our community who are seeking help by providing compassionate and supportive services and programs.

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*Thank You,*  
**CROSS Services**

(763) 425-1050

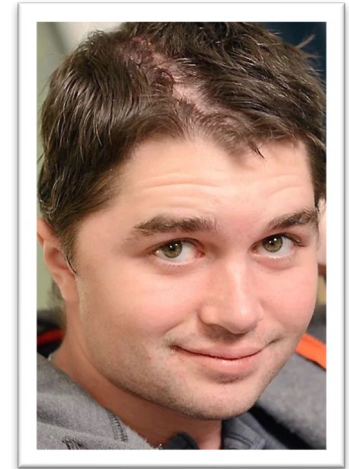
[https://crossservices.org/about-cross-services/  
info@CROSSservices.org](https://crossservices.org/about-cross-services/info@CROSSservices.org)

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**Presenters:**

Ray Widstrand  
Case Manager, Relief Health Services

JoAnn Leppink  
Arc MN Metro Regional Quality Council Coordinator

The Arc Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People with disabilities and their families trust The Arc for information, assistance, education, and public policy leadership.

RHS is a family-owned Minnesota agency whose priority is to serve Minnesota adults with disabilities build and maintain solutions promoting an independent, healthy lifestyle.

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**Relief Health Services**

[www.reliefhealthservicesmn.com/](http://www.reliefhealthservicesmn.com/)

**The Arc Regional Quality Council**

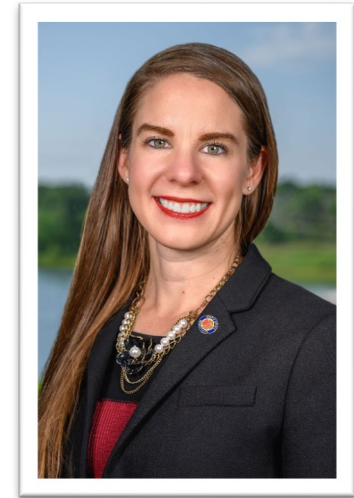
[www.arcminnesota.org/public-policy/regional-quality-council](http://www.arcminnesota.org/public-policy/regional-quality-council)

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**Presenter:**  
Kristy Janigo  
Maple Grove City Council Member

Creating housing opportunities for our veterans experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

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*Thank You,*  
**City of Maple Grove**

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**Presenters:**

Cynthia Heckler M.A. Gerontologist  
Commonbond Advantage Services Coordinator

Joe Hogeboom, Maple Grove Community and Economic  
Development Director

Age-Friendly Maple Grove is a community-driven, city-sponsored initiative to make Maple Grove a better place to grow older. Maple Grove is a member of the WHO/AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. Advancing age-friendly housing is one arm of our work.

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*Thank You,*  
**Age-Friendly Maple Grove**

<https://agefriendlymaplegrove.org/>

Anyone may participate; we invite new organizations and community members to get involved.

**Let's get to our last stop!**

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# Updates on Federal and State Legislation

Sue Watlov Phillips, MICAH Executive Director,  
Board President of National Coalition of the  
Homeless

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