



# Welcome to the 2023 Policy Breakfast

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# Welcome

**Cynthia Heckler – Host**

Advantage Service Coordinator, CommonBond

**Roxanne Smith - Founder Housing for All**

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Maple Grove

**Ed Goldsmith**

MICAH Board Member, Plymouth

# Faith Reflection

**Joyce McNutt**

Community Restorative Mediation Services



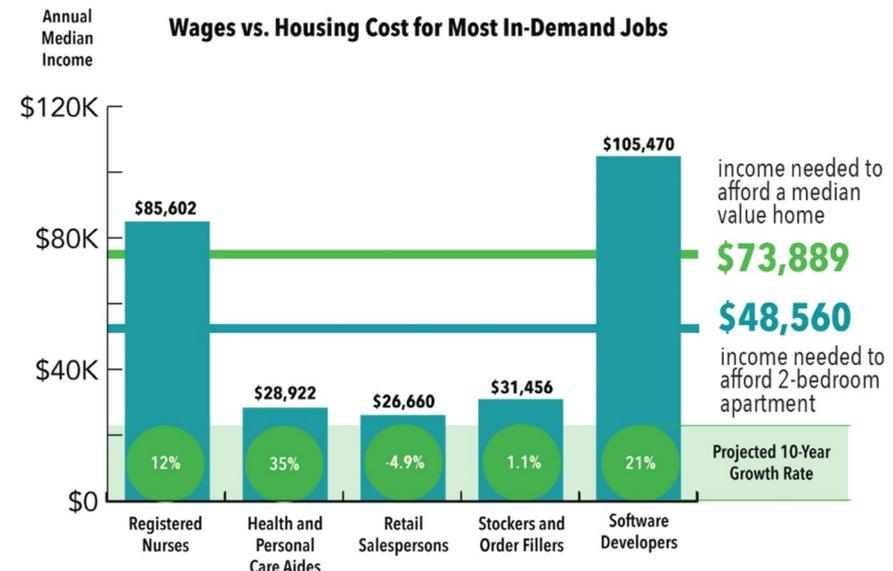
## Housing - Cost-Burdened # of households in Hennepin County

Renter: 84,402

Owner: 62,379

Total: 146,781

## 7 County Metro Region Data



Median household income for county

**\$86,036**

Hours / week minimum wage employee must work to afford 1- bd apartment

**75**



# THANK YOU!

Policy officials who have said they would be with us today.

Representative Michael Howard

Senator John Hoffman

Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Maple Grove Councilmember Kristy Janigo

Maple Grove Councilmember Kristy Barnett

Joe Hogeboom, Community and Economic Dev. Director, Maple Grove



# Bring Minnesota Home NOW!

**Representative Michael Howard**

Chair, Housing Finance and Policy Committee

**Senator John Hoffman**

Chair, Human Services Committee

**Commissioner Kevin Anderson**

Hennepin County

**Councilmembers Kristy Janigo and Kristy Barnett**

Maple Grove



What we are doing & *how additional resources will help* to meet peoples' housing needs in our community.

**Sandra Moberg Walls**, Program Director, Restorative Justice and Court Svcs

**JoAnn Leppink**, ARC Metro Regional Quality Council Coordinator

**Joe Hogeboom**, Community and Economic Dev. Director, Maple Grove

**Cynthia Heckler**, Advantage Service Coordinator, CommonBond

**John Duffy**, Duffy Development



## MICAH's 2023 Policy Priorities:

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision make table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by lead paint poisoning on Lead Safe Homes Bill, to protect our children from lead poisoning.
3. Racial Equity and protection of Civil Rights in all Homeless and Housing Programs and support systems.
4. Preserve and create safe, decent, accessible, affordable housing (rental & homeownership) for people with incomes under 30% median income.
5. Support livable incomes for people who are employed, unemployed, and on public assistance.
6. Ensure we are a welcoming community in creating housing opportunities that provide second chances and mercy for those who have struggled with addiction, mental and/or physical health, criminal, and/or rental issues.
7. MICAH will be actively involved with Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2023 Session priorities.

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

\$17.6 Billion in abundance and \$1.2 Billion in American Rescue Funds (ARP)



## Homes for All's 2023 Policy Agenda

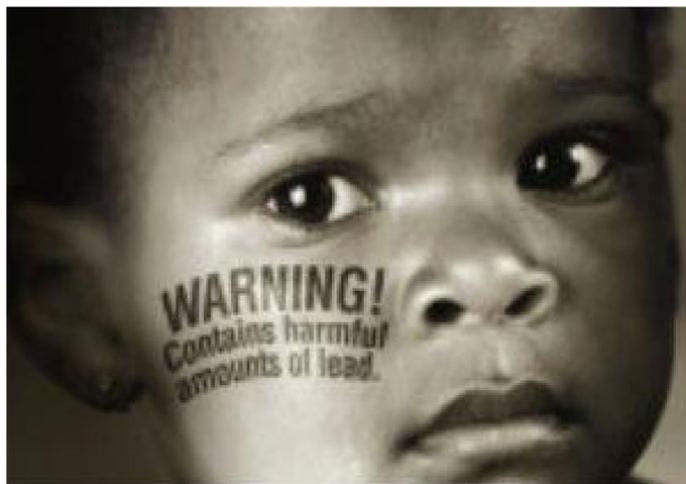
1. Acquisition and rehab of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
2. Funding to build more
3. Bring It Home
4. Changes to 4d tax class rate
5. FHPAP for ERA
6. Down Payment Assistance
7. Housing Constitutional Amendment
8. Housing Support Income Modifications
9. Pre-Eviction Notice & Eviction Expungement
10. Source of Income Protection

Support Agenda items include:

Lead Safe Homes Bill and income disregard for lived experience expertise payments.



## Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage.



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 500-700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$5 million/year to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.

### Will you support the Lead Safe Homes bill?

### HF 1507/ SF1471



# State Policy Makers

How will you use the State Abundance (Surplus) and American Rescue Plans Funds to prevent and end homelessness, and provide affordable housing?



# Local Policy Makers

How are you, or will you, use local American Rescue Plan funds and Local Homeless Prevention Aid to prevent and end homelessness and address people's housing needs in our community?



"Please support and hold a hearing on the  
Lead Safe Homes Bill."

**Senator Lindsey Port**

Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention Comm.

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**Rep. Michael Howard**

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"Please use the Minnesota budget abundance (surplus) and  
American Rescue Plan dollars to increase affordable housing  
opportunities."

**Senator Kari Dziedzic**

Majority Leader

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**Rep. Melissa Hortman**

Speaker of the House

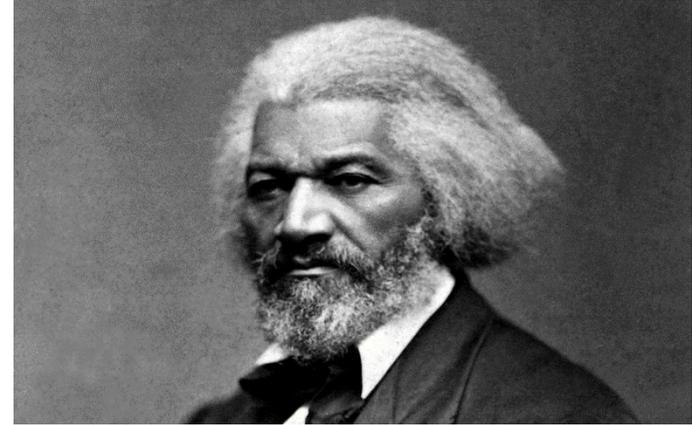
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# Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, has a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.



## Ways to be Involved:

**Housing for All (Hennepin County) Chapter Meetings – 4 Tuesday, 9:00a**

### Day on the Hill Events

**Bring it Home, Minnesota Rally for Rent Support – Monday, March 20, 1:30-2:30p**  
at the MN Capitol Rotunda

**Action Day for Crime Victim Services Funding at the Capitol – Wednesday, March 22, 2-3:30p**

**Housing Amendment Campaign Lobby Day – March 23**



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