

## LEVERAGING RESOURCE FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Our work with Marnita's Table during FY2014-16 helped us **CATALYZE NEW PARTNERSHIPS** and **LEVERAGE** over **\$386.5K IN ADDED RESOURCES**

The SRFC JPB and MARNITA'S TABLE were selected by SILOS TO CIRCLES to convene a year-round RESILIENCY PLANNING INITIATIVE

**\$100K** investment

\$20k to SRFC and \$80k to Marnita's Table

- Creation of Trauma-informed Lunch and Learns
- Paper Tiger Documentary Screening and Discussions
- Healing from Trauma and Decision Point IZIs
- 2 Community Resiliency Planning convenings with more to come

**\$100K** investment

JPB \$60K  
Marnita's Table \$40K In-kind

The SRFC Joint Powers Board (JPB) partnered with MARNITA'S TALBE on a year-long train-the-trainer initiative to learn the IZI model

**\$80K** investment

YOUTHPRISE partnered with the SRFC JPB to support our Youth-Led/ Youth-Engaged IZIs through a systems-leveraging partnership

Created a new arm of SRFC called the SUBURBAN RAMSEY YOUTH INITIATIVE, which includes the SRFC YOUTH FUND, a PEER TO PEER LEARNING PARTNERSHIP, our SUBURBAN RAMSEY OSTN REBOOT and the SRFC YOUTH BANK

**\$10K**

YouthBank philanthropy model

**\$1.5K** investment

YOUTHPRISE funded a technical assistance (TA) grant.

The TA support yielded an "Impact Ready" board plan that initiated a pilot with MN CIVIC YOUTH (MCY) and the creation of YOUTH ON BOARDS

**\$95K**

MCY invested in a pilot with SRFC where youth leaders join governing boards and share power in Suburban Ramsey County

Since 1998 Serving 125,502 children, youth & their families

Received \$3.2M in Partner Contributions for SRFC Operations and in turn...

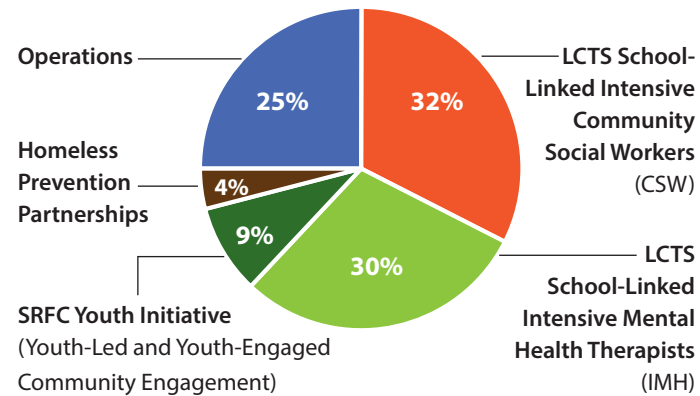
Fundraised \$19.3M

A 6-fold return on investment for services and supports in Suburban Ramsey County

Received \$18.6M in LCTS funds for direct services

= Total of \$37.9M in direct services for Suburban Ramsey County

### SRFC EXPENSES (2015-16)



**THANK YOU**

We look forward to many more years of valued partnership.

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

## Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative (SRFC) 2015-16 Collective Impact Report

**OUR MISSION:** Connecting individuals, families and community resources to create relationships which enhance the well-being of our kids.



"SRFC has continually kept children and families at the forefront of everything they do in suburban Ramsey County for well over 18 years. Their adage "How Are the Children?" isn't just a sound byte—it is the very foundation of their work, their philosophy and their vision." (school staff)

**WE ARE BETTER AND STRONGER TOGETHER**



As **PROTECTORS and KEEPERS** of the Safety Net in Suburban Ramsey County, SRFC increases **FORMAL** resources for children, youth and families experiencing at-risk circumstances by working with schools as the primary identifier and point of contact. School-linked services provide a pathway of access to children/youth and families in need.

**School-Linked Intensive Mental Health (IMH)**

treatment planning with students and families give students an accessible support system to tackle the challenges that prevent school success.

Served 397 students

100%

are satisfied with their therapists and feel they understand their concerns

98%

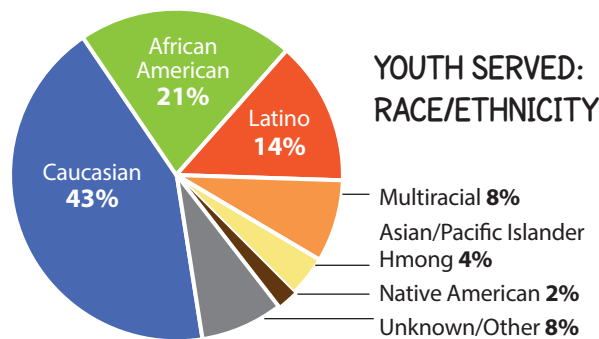
felt the services made a positive difference in their lives

95%

of parents stated that it was very/somewhat important that the services were offered at school or their child would not have been able to receive services

n= 72 youth; 66 parents

Very positive outcome - my son is now entered into a mainstream school because of this therapy. He still has assistance available to him at school, and we now can see a future for him. (parent)



**School-Linked Community Social Workers (CSW)**

provide intensive homeless prevention case management services to help families address highly complex issues in order to improve housing and family stability.

Served 190 families

70%

of families who reported they were in substandard housing had **secured affordable housing at follow-up**

35%

of families who reported inadequate income at intake **had their basic needs provided for upon follow-up**

n= 148

Most people just don't know where to find available help and thanks to the program I know where to look. (parent)

**SRFC Youth Initiative** - Since FY 14-15, our work with Marnita's Table Intentional Social Interaction model (known as IZI) has increased 8-fold in scale with 32 community engagement tables to-date reaching over 3,800 community members. This model piqued the interest and excitement of our youth and they became early adopters and leaders of this work.

- **16 Youth-Engaged and 6 Youth-Led IZIs bridged social capital** across ethnicity, age, class, culture and other means of social identity
- **70 youth attended The 1st Annual Suburban Ramsey Youth Summit** where youth chose discussion topics and signed up for summer leadership opportunities

IZI is a beautiful thing. It touched me and it was a springboard for both a student-led and a parent-led SAFE (Students Advocating for Equity) group. (parent)



As **CONNECTORS and BRIDGERS** of Social Capital in Suburban Ramsey County, SRFC increases **INFORMAL** resources for children, youth and families experiencing at-risk circumstances by cultivating intergenerational, cross cultural and interdisciplinary partnerships that increase our capacity to transform lives together.

**Organizing faith communities and libraries to partner with county, school, cities, businesses and social services to help prevent homelessness for children, youth and families.**

SRFC's work with the **Community Support Centers (CSC)** added partnerships with over 30+ faith groups and has now moved from direct support to partnership support. The Mound View CSC is now their own 501c3 and the Roseville CSC has created a coordinated benevolence partnership. Over the course of the 2 year CSC pilot initiative:

- **80 neighbors have received coordinated benevolence assistance across** the two CSC's and 62 are participating in long-term goal planning with an advocate or organizational ally
- **77% of those who completed a post survey indicated their housing, employment, income status or social situations had improved** as a result of working with the CSC

**The Library Interdisciplinary Teams work with folks experiencing homelessness** who are living in places not meant for habitation - outside, in a vehicle, staying up all night, etc. While this population exists in suburban Ramsey County, it is more hidden and challenging due to lack of access to public transportation. Consequently, people experiencing these situations are even more disconnected from the services available to them.

- **Over the past 15 months, the library partnership has assisted 10 individuals who were homeless obtain safe and affordable housing**, mental health care, food support, health insurance, chemical dependency services, General Assistance and for some, full time employment.

I just wanted to share some of these success stories so that everyone who supports and contributes to this, even in what may seem like small ways, knows that this work directly impacts people's lives and how important and valuable this work is to our community. (housing advocate)

**Providing training and technical assistance on the IZI model** to help close the relationship gap across ethnicity, age, class, culture and other means of social identity.

- **Trained 700 community members**
- **233 of whom were youth**

IZIs are opening our eyes and creating paths to and with our communities. It has been one of the most game-changing venues we have had in a long time. (school district administrator)

**Increasing meaningful opportunities for youth to step into leadership in their communities with guidance and support.**

- **We are piloting a Youth On Boards Initiative with 8 governing boards in Suburban Ramsey County.** Sixteen (16) young people are being supported by MN Civic Youth to develop their personal, social and cultural identities, leadership, cultural competency, systems knowledge and youth voice to lend to these decision making boards.
- **Suburban youth are developing real world leadership and critical thinking skills working in partnership with SRFC's Youth Engagement Specialist** to create the Suburban Ramsey Youth Bank. This program will give YouthBank members control over \$10,000 worth of grant money that they give out fairly to other young people who have smart ideas and action projects to address critical issues facing youth in our communities.