

MIDWAY CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE



Building a Stronger Midway Since 1919

Midway Chamber Of Commerce Non-Profit Members 2008

Mission

The Midway Chamber of Commerce is a group of nearly 400 businesses and organizations working together to “Build a Stronger” Midway through being a catalyst for economic development, enhancing the image and vitality of the area, connecting employers with resources to recruit and retain a productive workforce, and providing services that help members grow their business.

Midway Chamber Developers:

**American Bank
CSM Corporation
Equity Services of St. Paul
Mintahoe Hospitality Group
Park Midway Bank
Pioneer Press
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Wellington Management
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Midway Chamber Architects:

**American Engineering Testing
Colliers
JB Realty Company
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Midway Shopping Center
NAI Welsh Companies
Pioneer Press**

Midway Chamber Builders

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GA Construction
Hamline University
KSTP – Hubbard Broadcasting
Mortenson Construction
Rock-Tenn Company
Sign A Rama – Saint Paul
Saint Paul Port Authority
Western Bank**

Amherst H Wilder Foundation

451 Lexington Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-280-2000

FAX: 651-280-3998

www.wilder.org

President: Thomas W. Kingston **Year Founded:** 1906 #

Other Contacts:

Beth Rutter; Resource Development Manager

Donna Osterbauer; Volunteer Coordinator

Teri Davids; Communications Director

Employees: 650

Mission Statement: The Wilder Foundation's mission is to promote the social welfare of persons in the greater Saint Paul metropolitan area by all appropriate means.

Activities: The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a nonprofit health and human services organization that has served the greater Saint Paul, Minnesota area since 1906. We operate over 70 programs that help children succeed in school, older adults remain independent, troubled youth create healthy futures, and individuals and families maintain long-term housing. Wilder leadership programs work to nurture and build the skills of emerging community leaders and to renew the energy and commitment of experienced leaders. Wilder Research is one of the nation's largest nonprofit research and evaluation centers dedicated to the field of human services. Wilder currently employs 650 people and have an annual operating budget of \$46 million. The Foundation impacts the lives of more than 20,000 people each year.

Reasons why joined the Midway Chamber: Chamber membership has allowed us to work with our business partners to educate the public about the needs in our community and develop the most efficient means to address those needs.

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation provides monthly one-hour tours at the Wilder Center located at 451 Lexington Parkway, to educate and inform community members about the mission and impact of the Wilder Foundation. We also offer custom tours and specific Wilder program site visits to accommodate specific group

interests. Registration is required call 651-280-2445 or email tours@wilder.org.

Arlington Senior High School

1495 Rice Street
St. Paul, MN 55117

Work: 651-293-6900
<http://arlington.spps.org>

Principal: Dr. Patricia Murphy **Year Founded:** 1996

Other Contacts:

Beverly Cayetano; BIO.SMART Marketing

Teff Tiernan; BIO.SMART Partnership

Lisa Covington Clarkson; BIO.SMART Assistant Project Director

Students served: About 1,500

Mission Statement: Arlington is a comprehensive high school with a science, math and technology magnet focus we call BIO.SMART. Students are introduced to the bio-industries, one of the largest growth areas in Minnesota, and core coursework emphasizing either medical and health sciences business and marketing or engineering and technology. The SMART in Bio.SMART stands for Science, Math Academic Rigor Technology

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Building lasting partnerships within the business community, Networking, volunteer recruitment and visibility.

Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter

1902 Minnehaha Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-644-4108

FAX: 651-644-4219

www.arthritis.org [Keyword: North Central]

Email: dmaysack@arthritis.org

Director: Deborah Sales Maysack **Year Founded:** 1955

Other Contacts:

Danielle Leitner-Baxter, Vice President Community Development

Employees: 12

Mission Statement: The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

Activities: Provide education programs about arthritis prevention and management for the public and allied health professionals. Hold exercise programs, fund research, promote speaker's bureau program and advocate on behalf of people with arthritis.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Arthritis is the number one cause of disability. Joining the Chamber is one way we can let people know we are here to help them learn how to prevent the disease the manage and control the condition. We joined to raise awareness about the Arthritis Foundation, our programs and services; to identify potential program, event, and committee volunteers as well as board members; to identify potential sponsors and partners for our programs and events; to promote our events and programs; and to be a part of the Midway community and participate in events/programs in our neighborhoods as we build relationships with members.

Association for Non-Smokers MN

2395 University Ave W #310
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-646-3005
Fax: 651-646-0142

www.ansrmn.org
Email: jw@ansrmn.org

Executive Director: Jeanne Weigum **Year Founded:** 1973
Other Contacts: Brittany McFadden; Smoke-Free Apartments
Employees: 10

Mission Statement: To reduce the human and economic costs of tobacco use on Minnesotans.

Activities: Providing tobacco prevention education and smoke free policies for all Minnesotans. Promoting smoke-free apartments, indoor & outdoor public places. Reducing tobacco advertising. Educating the Latino community about the harms of tobacco.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To find apartment buildings that have a smoke-free policy or would like assistance with a smoke free policy for their building and to support the

business community when they are looking for compliance/enforcement ideas for their own smoke-free policies.

Camp Fire USA Minnesota Council

2610 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-647-4407
FAX: 651-647-5717

www.campfireusa-mn.org

Director: Marnie Wells

Employees: 13 full-time 20 part-time, 30 Seasonal

Mission Statement: Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.

Activities: Camp Fire USA serves boys and girls ages 5-17 with club and camp programs that build assets that are important to healthy childhood and adolescent development. We rely on the support of the community to help us continue our work of building caring, confident youth and future leaders.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the Midway Chamber as a way to connect with the local businesses in the neighborhood. We hope to build supportive relationships with fellow organizations in the Midway area.

Career Solutions, Inc.

1295 Bandana Boulevard N, #110
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-647-9961
Fax: 651-647-1424

www.careersolutionsinc.org

Email: Daniel.swalm@careersolutioninc.org

Executive Director: Daniel Swalm **Year Founded:** 1978

Employees: 3

Mission Statement: Providing Hope and Help to people in career transition.

Activities: Career Solutions, Inc. provides a number of services to those undergoing mid-life career changes and displaced

homemakers such as career counseling, testing & assessment services, and transition and re-entry services to those who've been absent from the workforce.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We want to be an active participant in the economic development of the Midway area.

Career Solutions, Inc. has a silent auction and dinner in the spring. Contact us for more information.

Capital City Partnership

2490 Wells Fargo Place 30 E. 7th Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Work: 651-291-5600
FAX: 651-291-5606

Director: Sarah Fossen **Year Founded:** 1996 **# Employees:** 6

Central Baptist Church: Central Community Services

420 N. Roy Street
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-324-3730
FAX: 651-646-0372

www.ccsimn.com

www.centralbaptistchurch.com

Email: terrilhansen@ccsimn.com

Director: Dr. Ronald W. Saari **Year Founded:** 1893

Other Contacts:

Terri L. Hansen; Executive Director of CCS

Shawna Horn; After School @ Central

Michelle Hedberg; Central Child Care

Mission Statement: We exist to match abundant resources with quality programs which engage our organization, Central Baptist Church, in effective, educational, artistic and community development endeavors in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul.

Activities: Central Baptist Church has a number of programs that support the community including daycare, tutoring, family literacy program and a community art exhibition.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the Midway Chamber for networking, visibility, supportive relationships for organizations and clients, to provide volunteer opportunities and network for outreach with area businesses.

Children's Hospital Association

347 N. Smith Avenue, Suite 501
St Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-220-6175
Fax: 651-220-6198

www.cha-stpaul.org

Email: cindy.schweizer@childrensmn.org

Executive Director: Diane Swanson **Year Founded:** 1933

Other Contacts:

Angela DeLong Gatzlaff, President-Elect

Cindy Schweizer, Chamber Contact

Employees: 2 Staff & 55 Board Members

Mission Statement: To provide economic assistance for the care and well-being of sick children with financial need. To support hospital-based programs that benefit children at risk. To support education and research programs benefiting children's health.. To support health-related programs that contribute to the well-being of children and their families within the community

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Primarily for networking and community awareness.

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties

450 Syndicate Street N, Suite 5
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-645-6445
Fax: 651-645-2253

www.caprw.org

Email: chightower@caprw.org

Executive Director: Clarence Hightower **Year Founded:** 1965
of Employees: 280

Mission Statement: To mobilize community resources to reduce poverty in Ramsey and Washington counties.

Activities: Community Action is involved in grassroots public policy and community engagement activities, such as community collaborations to create high-impact strategies to end poverty, voter registration drives, legislative hearings, advocacy, and education activities. Community Action also provides direct services to low-income families through their Energy Assistance, Energy Conservation, Foundations for Success (an initiative to transform the mental health system for families with young children), Head Start and Early head Start, and Self-Sufficiency (three services designed to assist participants and their families with choices that will lead to self-reliance) programs.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the Midway Chamber of Commerce for networking and visibility and to build partnerships with organizations in the Midway community.

Community Shares MN

1619 Dayton Ave, Suite 323
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-647-0440

Fax: 651-646-0440

www.communitysharesmn.org

Email: rmeyer@communitysharesmn.org

Interim Director: Roger Meyer **Year Founded:** 1978

Other Contacts:

Beth Marie Ward; Campaign Director

Employees: 8

Mission Statement: Community Shares is a community based fund for social justice. We bring people and resources together to create strong healthy communities and a more equitable Minnesota.

Activities: we are a federation that raises money for our 48 members who work for social change in: affordable housing, access to healthcare, human rights, quality education and uniting communities.

Como Park Elementary School

780 W. Wheelock Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55117

Work: 651-293-8820
FAX: 651-293-8828

www.spps.org/comoel

Director: Nancy Stachel **Year Founded:** 1917 **# Employees:** 144

Mission Statement: Working together to meet the needs of each child.

Activities: K-6 public school-we provide academic instruction in all subject areas: reading, writing, math, social studies, science, art, technology, and music. We work to support families in a variety of ways. We provide the community with a positive and successful school.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, connections to recruit volunteers, and to support the local businesses that support our school and it provides an opportunity to say thank you in a public way.

Como Friends

1225 Eastbrook Drive
St. Paul, MN 55103

Work: 651-487-8235
FAX: 651-487-8245

www.comofriends.org

Email: cheryl.kohout@comofrinds.org

Director: Cheryl Kohout **Year Founded:** 1999 **# Employees:** 10

Mission Statement: To promote, support, preserve and enhance Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Activities: Sunset Affair, Golf Tournament and Zoo Boo. We offer special events education programs, new exhibits and annual flower shows. And interesting fun fact: We are the only zoo in the country that is totally free.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Networking, volunteer recruitment and visibility.

Our Sunset Affair is on July 23, 2009. Contact us for more details!

Concordia University, St. Paul

275 Syndicate Street North
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-641-8803
FAX: 651-641-8885

www.csp.edu

President: David Priebe **Year Founded:** 1893 **# Employees:** 600

Mission Statement: The mission of Concordia University, a university of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is to prepare students for thoughtful and informed living, for dedicated service to God and humanity, and for the enlightened care of God's creation, all within the context of the Christian Gospel. This mission is achieved when students pursue programs grounded in liberal arts and focused on education for vocation in home, workplace, community and congregation.

Activities: Concordia University is an educational institution.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Want to know what is happening in the community and be supportive of the needs and opportunities in the community.

Elderberry Institute

475 Cleveland Avenue North #322`
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-649-0315
FAX: 651-649-0318

www.elderberry.org

Director: Malcolm P. Mitchell **Year Founded:** 1987 **# Employees:** 4

Employment Action Center

1450 Energy Park Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Work: 612-752-8856
FAX: 612-752-8801

www.eac-mn.org

Email: bmcmillan@resource-mn.org

Director: Betsy McMillan **Year Founded:** 1975

Other Contacts:

Leigh Ann Ahmad; Program Director

Employees: 120

Mission Statement: EAC empowers and prepares individuals to achieve their employment potential, while building diversity and actively opposing racism.

Activities: EAC provides employment training, counseling and other supports for underemployed and unemployed members of the Midway community. EAC has a structured job club where participants gain job preparation skills such as writing a good cover letter, mock interviewing, applying for jobs online, etc. EAC also has an in-house mental health professional, a domestic violence specialist, a Refugee Employment Service Counselor and a Community Technology Center. EAC also provides support services such as bus cards, work clothes and money for training.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: EAC joined the chamber in order to recruit volunteers, market us and to make connections to employers. Namely, we want employers to join our advisory board, to offer announcements of when they are hiring and advice on what type of employees and employee skill sets they re looking for. We also want to find employers who would be willing to serve as training or paid work experience site (i.e. a place we can send our clients to for 8-12 weeks to gain real on0th-job experience. Clients would earn \$7.25 and this service would be free to the employer).

Employment Solutions, Inc

1900 Landmark Towers

345 Saint Peter Street

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-917-4204

Fax: 651-917-4205

<http://www.sppa.com/esi/>

Email: jludden@employersolutions.net

Executive Director: Janet Ludden **Year Founded:** 1999

Mission Statement: Our mission is to respond to employers' need for help in navigating the wide variety of workforce related

business services available in the for-profit, not-for-profit and government sectors.

Activities: Employer Solutions, Inc. is a business consulting company and Workforce Intermediary Service. ESI provides fee-based workforce related consulting services to business in the areas of talent management, employee engagement and development, organizational effectiveness, and customized training. In addition, ESI acts as a Workforce Intermediary between businesses looking for employees and job opportunities for the Non-Traditional Workforce.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: ESI is a joint venture between the St Paul Port Authority, St Paul Area Chamber and the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

Epilepsy Foundation Minnesota

1600 University Avenue W #300
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-287-2300
FAX: 651-287-2325

www.efmn.org
Email: bloro@efmn.org

Director: Bennie Loro **Year Founded:** 1954

Other Contacts: Jackie Cofield: Office Administrator

Employees: 50

Mission Statement: The Epilepsy Foundation will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research.

Activities: Education Classes such as Seizure Recognition and Response Training for Business, Community Centers and Schools, numerous workshops and conferences, and Seizure Smart Schools that provide free resources to school nurses, teachers, parents, and students.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, volunteer recruitment, networking and getting to know the other businesses in the community.

Our annual gala is on April 18th and our Stroll's for Epilepsy event is August 13th. Contact us for more information!

Episcopal Homes

490 East Lynnhurst Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55014

Work: 651-632-8851
FAX: 651-642-9715

www.ehomesmn.org

Email: mplakut@ehomesmn.org

Director: Marvin Plakut **Year Founded:** 1894

Other Contacts:

Paul Hagen, Communications Director

Employees: 200+

Mission Statement: To enhance the quality of life for senior adults by providing homes and services that support each individual's physical, social and spiritual needs.

Activities: Seabury, Iris Park Commons, Episcopal Church Home, Cornelia House, and Becketwood Cooperative are all outlets for our services. Episcopal Homes is dedicated to providing Senior Housing communities that offer a continuum of care and affordability, plus post-hospitalization transitional care (short-term rehab), without regard for race, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or national origin.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: (1) To connect with other businesses and organizations in the Midway area and forge mutually beneficial relationships, and (2) to tap the knowledge and expertise of the membership about city, business and community priorities and activities that support the infrastructure and common good. "The Midway Chamber has proven to be an invaluable vehicle for learning, sharing and growing," says Episcopal Homes President & CEO Marvin Plakut.

Our Big Backyard Party and Non-Golfer Golf Tournament is on June 18th. Contact Judy Alcott at 651-632-8855 for more information!

Forecast Public Art

2324 University Avenue West #104
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-641-1128

FAX: 651-641-1983

www.forecastpublicart.org

Email: jack@forecastpublicart.org

Director: Jack Becker **Year Founded:** 1978 #

Other Contacts: Kaitlin Frick, Program Manager

Nichole Goodwell, Program Manager

Melinda Childs, Program Manager

Employees: 4

Mission Statement: Forecast Public Art strengthens and advances the field of public art locally, regionally and nationally by expanding participation, supporting artists, informing audiences and assisting communities.

Activities: Public Art Review - The world's leading public art magazine, critically exploring the many facets of the field.

Grants and Commissions - Forecast manages an annual grant program that supports emerging Minnesota artists, and commissions local and national talent to produce works in the Twin Cities.

Consulting Services - Forecast offers project management and facilitation services for community groups, organizations, government agencies and artists.

University Avenue Public Art - A long-term initiative to add public art along University Avenue to transform the corridor into an important public art venue.

Reason why joined Midway Chamber: To increase awareness of and support for our programs, network with professionals in related fields, and contribute to the Midway community as a whole.

Franciscan Brothers of Peace

1289 Lafond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-646-8586

FAX: 651-646-9083

www.brothersofpeace.org

Director: Anthony Sweere # **Employees:** 1

Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley

400 Robert Street South
St. Paul, MN 55107

Work: 651-227-8835

FAX: 651-227-7533

www.girlscoutscv.org

Director: Debra Pridgen **Year Founded:** 1921 # **Employees:** 59

Mission Statement: The mission of Girl Scouts is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. In partnership with committed adults, they develop qualities that will serve them all their lives-qualities like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

Activities: The Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley in partnership with approximately 6,700 volunteers serves more than 18,600 girls (aged 5-17) in 11 counties of eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We help girls grow strong through varied program opportunities like GirlSports, our Physicians of Tomorrow mentoring program, troops and groups, Girl Scout camp, and of course, the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Volunteer recruitment, networking and community outreach.

Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota

553 Fairview Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-379-5800
FAX: 651-379-5803

www.goodwilleasterseals.org

President & CEO: Michael Wirth-Davis **Year Founded:** 1919 #
Employees: 781

Mission Statement: Assisting people with barriers to education, employment, and independence in achieving their goals.

Activities: We prepare people for work. This year we helped more than 768 Minnesotans with disabilities and other barriers to employment find quality jobs and another 112 people advance in their careers. Through our 16 Goodwill stores, the public can purchase or donate quality used goods to help fund our workforce development services.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To create greater visibility and support of our mission among the Midway business community.

HIRED

1200 Plymouth Avenue North
Mpls., MN 55411

Work: 612-529-3342
FAX: 612-529-7131

www.hired.org

Email: jane.samargia@hired.org

Director: Jane Samargia **Year Founded:** 1968

Other Contacts:

Nancy James – Employer Services Director

Shelly Kuiper – Employer Services Coordinator

#Employees: 130

Mission Statement: To provide personalized and innovative work solutions.

Activities: We work with employers to help them meet their employment needs by developing customized training programs,

on-the-job training, internships and volunteer opportunities for job seekers in our communities. We provide job seekers with employment counseling services to assist them with training, career development, job search skills and support services to assist them in securing and retaining quality employment.

Reasons Why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the Midway Chamber of Commerce to increase our visibility with employers in the community. The Midway Chamber offers HIRED an opportunity to learn more about the employment and training needs of local businesses. We look forward to future opportunities to partner with members of the Midway Chamber of Commerce to better serve employers and job seekers in our community.

Hiway Federal Credit Union

111 Empire Drive
St. Paul, MN 55103

Work: 651-291-1515
Fax: 651-225-6217

www.hiway.org

Director: Travis Kasten **Year Founded:** 1931 **# Employees:** 154

Mission Statement: Providing financial success on the road of life.

Activities: Casual Day Donations, Financial Literacy, and Parades and Festivals.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Committed to excellence in the community and like to partner with organizations who share the same philosophical and community relations beliefs.

Ronald M. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning

1030 University Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-290-4822
FAX: 651-290-4789

www.hubbs.spps.org

Email: judy.mortrude@spps.org

Directors: Judy Mortrude & Claudia Bredemus **Founded:** 1994

Employees: 300+

Mission Statement: The mission of Saint Paul Public Schools Adult Learning is to provide adults with educational opportunities to acquire and improve their literacy skills necessary to be self-sufficient and to participate effectively as productive workers, family members, and citizens.

Activities: The Hubbs Center is a dynamic adult education facility located in the heart of Saint Paul's Frogtown-Midway communities. In addition to quality classroom instruction in GED and ESL, Hubbs provides college prep, GED testing, and support services for adults wanting to upgrade their academic and employment skills. Hubbs Center serves over 1,000 adults each day. We offer classes 12 hours a day covering everything from basic English language skills to college preparation. Additionally, we have occupationally specific courses preparing adults for certification courses at Saint Paul College and more. Please see hubbs.spps.org/Programs.html

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We want businesses to know about this amazing resource -- a low-cost or no-cost answer to your employee training needs!

Take Note! January 15, 2009 The First Annual Street Scholars Community Open House at Hubbs Center. Contact us for more information.

Humane Society for Companion Animals

1115 Beulah Lane
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-646-6821
FAX: 651-646-1420

www.hsca.net

Director: Janelle Dixon **Year Founded:** 1878 **# Employees:** 42

Mission Statement: Improving animal lives and fostering human-animal bonds.

Activities: HSCA provides services to the community to aid animals and people in need of assistance. We provide food, shelter,

medical care and adoption for homeless and unwanted animals as well as other complimentary services.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined to enhance our community involvement to gain visibility and awareness and to network to identify resources that could benefit the organization.

International Institute of Minnesota

1694 Como Ave
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-647-0191
Fax: 651-647-9268

www.iimn.org
Email: jborden@iimn.org

Executive Director: John Borden **Year Founded:** 1919

Other Contacts:

Vicki McKenna; Director of Development & Operations

Jane Graupman; Education Director

Steve Heckler; Director, Festival of Nations

Employees: 35

Mission Statement: The mission of IIM is to:

- 1) provide a center for information and assembly for all nationalities and races;
- 2) develop fellowship and understanding among such persons through group meetings and activities;
- 3) promote the welfare of our foreign-born population and their families; and preserve and stimulate intercultural values.

Activities: The International Institute of Minnesota (IIM) provides a range of services to refugees and immigrants from government paperwork, resettling in the United States, education, and employment. IIM also hosts the annual Festival of Nations. IIM programs are grouped into three different departments: Resettlement, Education, and Festival of Nations. The flow among them is transparent to the client; as part of IIM's holistic approach, they are served by the program that addresses their most critical needs.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Raising visibility within our community is the primary reason for joining the Midway Chamber. It is also important that we are aware of issues that affect the business community and are available to work with our “for profit” colleagues for the benefit of everyone. Of course, we also would like more volunteers, jobs for our clients, and networking opportunities.

Our Midwinter Feast is coming up on February 6th and our Festival of Nations begins April 30th. Learn more and contact us at <http://www.festivalofnations.com/>.

Hubert H. Humphrey Jobs Corp.

1480 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-642-1133

FAX: 651-642-0123

www.vinnelljobcorps.org/humphrey

Director: Dan Cherryhomes # **Employees:** 112

James J. Hill Reference Library

80 West Fourth Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-265-5500

FAX: 651-265-5520

www.jjhill.org

Email: info@jjhill.org

Director: Karolyn MacAskill **Year Founded:** 1921

Other Contacts:

Jim Poole, Contact

Beth O’Connor; Weddings

Employees: 30

Mission Statement: The mission of the James J. Hill Reference Library is to provide our clients access to and assistance in finding the practical business information they need to succeed.

Activities: At our building, anyone can take advantage of our 200,000 business volumes, 750 trade periodicals, 30 premium databases and the help of business librarians for free. At www.jjhill.org, we provide a wealth of small business building

resources for free. We provide outreach training on business training topics. We provide business speakers every month at the Library on topics of interest to small business. At www.hillsearch.org, we provide a complete online business research library for business development for the cost of an annual membership. We provide research capabilities for many member organizations' members. We host special annual events like the "BreakThrough Ideas Competition", "Entrepreneurship Week", "Minnesota Family Business Awards" and the "Jefferson Awards for Philanthropy". We provide extensive support to the Small Business Development Centers nationally.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Our market is smarter small businesses. The Midway Chamber has been a rich source of clients for us. They use us, and help tell our story to their colleagues. We support the business community. James J. Hill supported us.

The Junior League of Saint Paul

633 Snelling Avenue North
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-291-7377
FAX: 651-291-8914

www.jlsp.org

Director: Loarlee Dilorenzo **Year Founded:** 1917
Employees: 1

Mission Statement: The Junior League of Saint Paul, is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Activities: Building Bonds through Reading and Play initiative is working to raise awareness and promote programs that create connections between adults and children in an effort to reduce child abuse. We also seek to raise awareness regarding domestic violence, train women for leadership in our community and continue to develop volunteer projects for the future.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, recruiting volunteers and networking.

Kaposia, inc.

380 E Lafayette Freeway S.
St. Paul, MN 55107

Work: 651-224-6974
FAX: 651-224-7249

www.kaposia.com

Director: Jackie Mlynarczyk **Year founded:** 1963 **#Employees:** 65

Mission Statement: Kaposia advances the inclusion of people with disabilities and other challenges in working and participating in their communities.

Activities: Kaposia matches the employment needs and goals of persons with disabilities and other challenges to employment with the labor needs and goals of the business community. Kaposia's "Employment Services" includes a full array of services – initial career planning; assistance with resumes, job applications and interviews; consultation with employers to customize a job; training on the new job; and even training on how to get to and from the job. Kaposia may also provide ongoing support services for the new employee and the workplace. For the employer, Kaposia also offers job analysis and restructuring, and consultation in workplace accommodations and employee retention.

Reason why joined the Chamber: To promote Kaposia's Employment services; Networking and Visibility; Professional Development Camaraderie

Keystone Community Services

2000 St. Anthony Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-654-0349
FAX: 651-645-8057

www.keystonecommunityservices.org

Director: Eric Nyberg **Year Founded:** 1939 **# Employees:** 60

Mission Statement: The mission of the Keystone Community Services is to strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Activities: Keystone Community Services is a community-based, human service organization serving the Midway and North End areas of St. Paul, the north suburban communities of Ramsey County and beyond. Keystone Community Services operates a variety of human service programs for all ages across our service area at 6 sites. Our programs include after school programs and academic support for new immigrant children, IDT (an intensive day treatment program for court-ordered youth), three food shelves, case management for seniors, the disabled and at-risk families, a comprehensive Seniors Program that provides Meals on Wheels, peer counseling and many programs for active seniors. Over 600 volunteers contribute to our success.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Exposure, learning, networking and service.

Lifetrack Resources

709 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-227-8471
FAX: 651-227-0621

www.lifetrackresources.org

Email: TrixieG@lifetrackresources.org

Director: Trixie Ann Golberg

Year Founded: 1948

Other Contacts:

Kimberly Mills, Communications Director

John Kruchten, Sales Director

Erin Lysne, Business Services Director

Employees: 120

Mission Statement: Build better lives by working together to develop people's strengths.

Activities: As a community based service organization, Lifetrack Resources has distinguished itself in our ability to work holistically with individuals, families and children to change lives and create new possibilities. Lifetrack's strategies for improving lives comes from our core competency in serving people overcoming multiple obstacles such as physical and mental disabilities, poverty, lack of education, trauma and isolation. For almost 60 years, we have built our work on the fundamental belief that the whole community is

stronger when each person is able to take an active part in it. Lifetrack emphasizes “best practice” services with a focus on empowering people with the fewest resources to become independent and contributing members of the community. Lifetrack Resources offers services in its three program areas: Employment and Business Services, Child and Adult Therapies, and Early Childhood & Family Services.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To help advance the Midway Chamber of Commerce District and to have organizational visibility with our business neighbors, networking, community involvement opportunities for our employees and the promotion of Lifetrack’s employment placement and recruitment services.

Join us for Lifetrack Resources’ Annual Celebration at Harriet island on July 16th. Contact us for more information!

Lifeworks Services

1120 Centre Pointe Drive #100
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Work: 651-454-2732
FAX: 651-454-3174

www.lifeworks.org
Email: jlynse@lifeworks.org

Director: Judy Lysne **Year Founded:** 1965

Other Contacts:

Jean Grossman, Employment Consultant
Susan Winterfeld Thompson, Program Manager
Employees: 204

Mission Statement: Serving the community and people with disabilities as we live and work together. We are passionately committed to fostering a greater understanding of people with disabilities so that they are included and their contributions valued.

Activities: Lifeworks consults with employers to identify their specific production and business needs and then matches personnel who are right for the job. Because every business is unique, we work with each business to develop solutions that meet their needs.

We do short-term projects as well as provide long term employment solutions. We identify repetitive, routine tasks and then create a solution that increases efficiency. Lifeworks job coaches train our workers with disabilities and maintain communication with managers and supervisors.

To learn more go to our web site at
<http://www.lifeworks.org/solutions.asp>

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Network to find jobs and opportunities for our clients.

Lifeworks 23rd Annual Celebration, is on April 23! Contact us for more information.

Macalester College

1600 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Work: 651-696-6552
FAX: 651-696-6250

www.macalester.edu

Director: Tom Welna # of Employees: 500

Midway Family YMCA

1761 University Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-646-4557
FAX: 651-644-4692

www.ymcatwincities.org

Director: David Dominick **Year Founded:** 1905 # **Employees:** 80

Mission Statement: Youth development, building strong families and communities fitness and health.

Activities: Youth development, childcare center, fitness center, group exercise, community outreach, swim lessons, teen programs, older active adults swim program and silver sneakers.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Networking, volunteer recruitment, business/economic development, visibility in the community, promoting our programs and services.

Midway Training Services

1246 University Avenue, Suite 239
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-641-0709

FAX: 651-641-0976

www.midwaytraining.com

Email: bbrick@midwaytraining.com

Director: Bob Brick **Year Founded:** 1965

Other Contacts: John Hoffman; Marketing and Sales

Employees: 70

Mission Statement: To assist people with disabilities in becoming employed, active and valued members of their communities.

Activities: Meeting the needs of area businesses by providing affordable, high quality contract work and being a resource for businesses to hire motivated, trained and supported employees..

Reason why joined Midway Chamber: We joined to make connections with area businesses who have a desire to engage in mutually beneficial work relationships.

Midway Transportation Management Organization

1954 University Avenue, Suite 1
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-644-5108

FAX: 651-641-0293

www.universityunited.com/midwaytmo

Director: Russ Stark **Year Founded:** 2001 **# Employees:** 1

Mission Statement: To improve transportation choices and reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in the midway area.

Activities: Promtion of alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle to midway residents, employers, and employees.

Advocacy for transportation choices such as improved transit service and better bicycling infratstructure.

Advocacy for transit-orientated development.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility and networking.

Minnesota State Fair

1265 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-288-4400

FAX: 651-642-2440

www.mnstatefair.org

Director: Mary Pittelko **Year Founded:** 1859 **# Employees:** 2771

Minnesota Workforce Center – St. Paul Midway

2098 11th Street
North St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-779-5670

FAX: 651-779-5646

www.deed.state.mn.us

Email: Christine.stoehr@state.mn.us

Contact: Chris Stoehr **Year Founded:** 1934 **# Employees:** 20

Mission Statement: To support the economic success of individuals, businesses, and communities by enhancing opportunities for growth.

Activities: We discover the needs of businesses, which drive the information and services we provide to job seekers.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We hope to let businesses know about the services that the state can offer both businesses and individuals.

MN State Services for the Blind

2200 University Avenue West Suite 240
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-642-0500

FAX: 651-649-5927

www.mnssb.org

Director: Chuck Hamilton **# Employees:** 115

Mission Statement: To foster the achievement of vocational and personal independence by persons of all ages who are blind, visually impaired and deafblind. Our services are available to anyone in Minnesota who has a vision loss that creates a barrier to their vocational or personal independence.

Activities: Workforce development, child and youth services, senior services, communication center, audio and Braille services, radio talking book network live, and talking books.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the chamber of commerce to become more visible in the community, establish relationships with local businesses and employers, and assist with finding jobs for our customers.

Northern Star Council Boy Scouts of America

393 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-224-1891
FAX: 651-224-7239

www.indianhead.org

Director: Houa Xiong # **Employees:** 65

Open Cities Health Center

409 North Dunlap Street
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-290-9200
Fax: 651-290-9210

Email: dorii.gbolo@ochealthcenter.com

Executive Director: Dorii Gbolo **Year Founded:** 1967
Employees: 100+

Mission Statement: The mission of Open Cities Health Center is to provide culturally competent primary and preventive health care and related services to all people throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The goal is to improve the health and well being of high risk and vulnerable populations through the provision of affordable medical, dental and mental health care and related services.

Activities: Open Cities Health Center is a full service medical, dental and mental health clinic. It provides primary care services in family practice, pediatrics and internal medicine; specialty services in general surgery, ophthalmology and family dentistry; mental health services; pharmacy and lab; support services including outreach, social services and translators.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, networking, to be a “good steward” in the community, to let everyone know the services we provide so that they can refer customer, clients, residents, etc. to our clinic.

People Inc, Diane Ahrens Crisis Residence

1593 Hewitt Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-645-9424
FAX: 651-645-3216

www.peopleincorporated.org

E-mail: cullen.Johnson@peopleincorporated.org

Director: Dr. Tim Burkett **Year Founded:** 1969

Other Contacts: Dr. Cullen Johnson, Program Director

Employees: 500+ Corporate Wide, 47 at Diane Ahrens

Mission Statement: People Incorporated promotes and secures independence for people with mental illness and other brain disorders. We are people helping people with mental illness.

Activities: People Incorporated is a Twin Cities-based nonprofit leader in providing a spectrum of interrelated services to help people with mental illness and other brain disorders live as independently as possible in the community. Helping people with mental illness requires great flexibility and creativity. That’s why we start with the person first—developing innovative, effective services that provide the care, resources, and connections that will help each person in the best way possible. The Diane Ahrens Crisis Residence provides a safe, supportive environment for crisis stabilization and intervention while promoting personal responsibility and choice for all Ramsey County residents with mental illness.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To promote an understanding of mental illness and crisis services within the business community thereby lessening the stigma of mental illness and the ravaging effects that mental illness can have on communities as well as individuals.

Portico Healthnet

2610 University Avenue, Suite 550
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-603-5100

FAX: 651-603-5101

www.porticohealthnet.org

Director: Debra Holmgren **Year Founded:** 1995 **# Employees:** 16

Mission Statement: To reduce the number of people without coverage for health care services.

Activities: Portico Healthnet, a community-based nonprofit, works to reduce the number of people who have no access to health care services. This is done by providing people without health coverage assistance with applications and enrollment in Minnesota's state sponsored health care programs, and by offering the Portico coverage program as an alternate option. Portico's outreach and care management staff are available to provide education and advocacy for people who do not understand how to access the American healthcare system effectively.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To better understand the needs of the Midway business community, network with members and increase Portico's visibility in the community.

Quality Career Services

2515 Wabash Avenue, Suite LL1
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-647-9322

FAX: 651-647-0423

www.qualitycareerservices.org

Director: Joseph Crowe **Year Founded:** 1985 **# Employees:** 14

Mission Statement: To place each client at the highest quality job (in terms of wages, benefits, and personal satisfaction) in the shortest period of time, while treating each person with respect and dignity. To provide the following quality services with a well-qualified staff using the latest technology emphasizing a one-on-one relationship in a one-stop environment: transition coping

skills, labor market information, retraining, job seeking skills, career counseling, job development and placement.

Activities: Job Search Workshop, Career Counseling, Job Leads, Clerical Support, Skills Enhancement (including Computer Lab) and Training Funds

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To find jobs for our clients.

Ramsey County Historical Society

323 Landmark Center
St. Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-222-0701
FAX: 651-223-8539

www.rchs.com

Director: Priscilla Farnham **Year Founded:** 1949 **# Employees:** 14

Rebuild Resources

602 North Prior Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-645-7055
FAX: 651-645-2063

www.Rebuildresources.com

Director: Kevin Lynch **Year Founded:** 1983 **# Employees:** 17

Mission Statement: The mission of Rebuild Resources is to help addicts and alcoholics become sober, self-sufficient and of service by providing meaningful, transitional employment in business enterprises we own and operate. These enterprises provide a safe, sober, secure, supportive, but non-enabling environment for recovery, AND serve as the economic engines which sustain our work. Our vision is to be an ever-expanding, self-sustaining recovery community that builds lives through spirit and enterprise.

Activities: Businesses they operate: Contract Manufacturing, Business; Custom apparel and promotional items

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We wish to increase our visibility in the community and build relationships with local businesses and organizations. We would like to create awareness

about the business we operate, so we may serve other businesses and organizations in the Midway area. In gaining customers, it creates more jobs for student-employees and improves our self-sufficiency. Local businesses are also potential employers of our program graduates.

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

2200 Hillside Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-642-9052

FAX: 651-642-0115

www.sabnp@mcp.net

Director: Mary Hayes **Year Founded:** 1981 **# Employees:** 2

Mission Statement: To support older adults in our community by providing home health and supportive services.

Activities: Help senior citizens live at home with supportive services provided by professional medical staff and community volunteers.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, volunteer recruitment, networking, and fundraising.

Saint Agnes School

530 Lafond Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55103

Work: 651-925-8810

Fax: 651-925-8708

www.saintagnesschool.org

Email: bsutton@saintagnesschool.org

Director of Advancement: Bret Sutton **Year Founded:** 1888
Employees: 50+

Mission Statement: Faithfully Catholic...Preparation for College, life and beyond.

Activities: Educating and forming the whole person through academics, athletics, fine arts and faith.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, to give back to the community in which we serve, for community support.

Our annual “Booster Blast” is on Feb 21 and our Aggie Open Golf Tourney is in July. For more information contact us.

Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation

P.O. Box 8038 St. Paul 55108
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-641-1455
FAX: 651-641-1484

Director: Jon Schumacher **Year Founded:** 1998 **# Employees:** 1

Mission Statement: To nurture the unique community assets of St. Anthony Park to secure a strong and vibrant neighborhood for future generations.

Activities: The St. Anthony Park Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and provides leadership on key issues in hopes of strengthening the St. Anthony Park neighborhood of St. Paul now and for future generations. The Foundation seeks to build a permanent endowment while also raising money annually to provide grants through a competitive process. The Foundation supports immediate and long-term neighborhood needs. It invites proposals and accepts unsolicited proposals. The Foundation conducts studies and mobilizes neighborhood participation. It serves as a convener, catalyst and partner with other groups and individuals in St. Anthony Park. Between 2005 and 2007, the Foundation plans to study and take action on two or three critical needs in the neighborhood.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: It is important to connect with all stakeholders in the neighborhood to better understand the challenges & needs of the community.

Saint Bernard's School

170 Rose Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55117

Work: 651-489-1338

FAX: 651-489-9203

www.saintbernards-school.org

Email: jcassidy@saintbernards-school.org

President/Principal: Jennifer Cassidy **Year Founded:** 1891

Other Contacts:

Michelle Ponsolle; Director of Development & Alumni Relations

Fr. Michael Anderson; Pastor

Employees: 75

Mission Statement: Saint Bernard's is a Roman Catholic PreK-12 school that embraces and extends the parish mission to proclaim Jesus Christ. We strive to educate, awaken, nourish, develop and empower students to lives of service and leadership. We welcome all children from Saint Paul's North End and surrounding communities.

Activities: Saint Bernard's School provides an unequalled educational setting where:

We focus on the varied learning styles and unique needs of each student.

We offer a wide variety of educational, co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences to help each student develop to his or her potential

We create an environment where spiritual growth is not only encouraged, but lived out in a warm embracing parish community setting.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Midway Chamber to improve visibility, to enhance our networking efforts and for the added services they provide. We also thought this would aid us in the recruitment of students as well as adding additional volunteer service opportunities for our students. We are always looking for ways that Saint Bernard's can participate in the community.

Winter High School open house will be held January 8th and our Bulldog Benefit Dinner will be held February 23. Contact us for more information.

Saint Paul City Ballet

1680 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Work: 651-690-1588
FAX: 651-698-4208

www.spcballet.org

Director: Georgia Amdahl **Year Founded:** 1997 **# Employees:** 27

Mission Statement: To delight audiences! The Saint Paul City Ballet aspires to making the classics and new works in the classic style, accessible to all audiences. It seeks to reach the highest levels of artistic achievement.

Activities: Manage a school of 300 students, produces the Viennese Ball at the Landmark Center, has annual performances in St. Cloud and St. Paul.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: For both networking and visibility.

Saint Paul College

235 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55012

Work: 651-846-1600
FAX: 651-846-1675

www.saintpaul.edu

Email: Donovan.schwichtenberg@saintpaul.edu

President: Donovan Schwichtenberg **Year Founded:** 1910

Other Contacts:

Craig Anderson; Vice President

Employees: 500

Mission Statement: Education for Employment...Education for Life

Activities: Our 100 degree diploma and certificate programs in career and transfer education, including AA Degree

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Businesses have been an integral part of the College's success and we are here to serve the

community of St. Paul as the only two year public College in the city of Saint Paul.

Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation

429 Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th Street Work: 651- 223-4700
St. Paul, MN 55102 FAX: 651- 223-4707

www.winter-carnival.com

Email: bpinkney@winter-carnival.com

President: Beth Pinkney **Year Founded:** 1886

Other Contacts:

Cindy Shanley; Operations/Volunteer Coordinator Director

Kathy Bjerke; Festival Board Chair

Employees: 15

Mission Statement: To foster a sense of community, pride, belonging and connectedness by celebrating Saint Paul's unique history and emerging heritage through fun and educational experiences.

Activities: The primary service and goal of our organization, is to bring the community together by celebrating the Winter Carnival legend and heritage of the Saint Paul Community. Many events, such as the Medallion hunt, Grande Day and Torchlight Parades and the Snow and Ice sculptures, are what make this Festival exciting and unique. Celebrating the Minnesota winter, and bundling up for fun in the cold and snow, is also a big part of the Festival. Through traditions of the Snow and Ice Sculptures, and skating in Rice Park, members of the community can embrace what winter in Minnesota has to offer. The festival's legend is a big part of the Carnival as well. With the Queen of the Snow's Coronation, the Vulcan victory, and King Boreas' Grand Day and Torchlight Parades, the community is also invited to celebrate the unique heritage of the Saint Paul Carnival legend.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Joining the Midway Chamber of Commerce is a great way for the Winter Carnival to get visibility and to get the word out about the 11 Carnival events. It is also a good way to get volunteers involved and to also get the community to become members. The Midway Chamber of

Commerce is a great networking tool for our organization as well. It helps our organization to become more well known throughout Saint Paul and surrounding communities, which in turn helps our festival to become sponsored by surrounding businesses in the community.

St. Paul Public Library, Rondo

461 North Dale Street
St. Paul, MN 55103

Work: 651- 266-7400

FAX: 651- 266-7410

www.sppl.org

Director: Charlene McKenzie # **Employees:** 28

Mission Statement: To anticipate and respond to the community's need for information; To facilitate lifelong learning; To stimulate and nurture a desire to read in young people; To provide reading materials to meet the interests of all ages; And to enrich the quality of life in the community.

Activities: The St. Paul Public Library is open 7 days a week and has homework centers, internet access, storytimes, bookmobile services, small business resources, and cultural programs.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Networking, outreach opportunities, and to help strengthen the neighborhood.

Saint Paul Smart Trips

55 E. Fifth Street, Suite 202
St. Paul, MN 55101

Work: 651-224-8555

Fax: 651-224-5855

www.smart-trips.org

Email: Jessica@smart-trips.org

Executive Director: Jessica Treat **Year Founded:** 1998

Other Contacts:

Damian Goebel; Outreach

Employees: 5

Mission Statement: St. Paul Smart Trips is a non-profit organization that works to reduce vehicle miles and improve air

quality in the City of St. Paul by promoting alternatives to driving alone and advocating for a balanced transportation network.

Activities: Promotion of transportation options to the single-occupant vehicle to St. Paul residents, employers, and employees. Advocacy for transportation choices such as improved transit service and better bicycling infrastructure. Advocacy for transit-oriented development.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility and Networking

The College of Saint Scholastica

340 Cedar Street, Suite 50
St. Paul, MN 55101

Work: 651-298-1015

Fax: 651-298-8532

<http://adep.css.edu>

President: Larry Goodwin, Ph.D. **Founded:** (SP Campus) 2000
Employees: 25

Mission Statement: Shaped by the Catholic Benedictine heritage, The College of St. Scholastica provides intellectual and moral preparation for responsible living and meaningful work.

Activities: Undergraduate degree programs in Accounting, Communications, Management, Marketing, RN/BSN completion and Social Work; Graduate degree programs: MBA, Master of Arts in Management, Graduate Teaching Licensure.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Raise visibility of the Saint Paul campus within the Twin Cities business community.

The Salvation Army Booth Brown House

1471 Como Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651-646-2601

FAX: 651-646-1655

www.thesalarmy.com

Director: Major Arnel ruppel **Year Founded:** 1898

Other Contacts:

Charles Young; Foyer Program Director
Amanda Ryan; Shelter Program Director
Employees: 37

Mission Statement: To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in his name without discrimination.

Activities: Foyer Program- provides transitional and permanent housing for young people 16+
Shelter Program- provides temporary crisis shelter to females ages 11-17.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Jobs for clients and belief in the Chamber's mission.

SPARC

843 Rice Street
St. Paul, MN 55117

Work: 651-488-1039
FAX: 651-488-6309

www.sparcweb.org
Email: matthew@sparcweb.org

Director: Matthew Ides **Year Founded:** 1984

Other Contacts:

Seth Benziger; Real Estate Development
Alison Sharkey; Business Development
Employees: 6

Mission Statement: Sparc creates and maintains healthy, affordable and sustainable neighborhoods by improving residential and commercial vitality in the Hamline-Midway, North End, and South Como neighborhoods of St. Paul.

Activities: Sparc provides low-interest loans to homeowners, builds affordable housing, makes low-interest loans to small businesses, and develops commercial buildings.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined for a connection to small businesses in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, access to economic development ideas and projects, and increased visibility for Sparc.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development

75 West Fifth Street #314
St. Paul, MN 55102

Work: 651-225-9265
FAX: 651-225-1225

www.steppingstonetheatre.org

Director: Richard Hitchler **Year Founded:** 1987 **# Employees:** 8

Mission Statement: SteppingStone Theatre is dedicated to developing the whole child through educational theater programs and fully staged productions to build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of community while celebrating diversity in a supportive, noncompetitive atmosphere.

Activities: Mainstage Program, Outreach Program, Violence Prevention and Intervention Program, & Educational Program

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility and networking.

Store To Door

1821 University Avenue W. S112
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-642-1892
FAX: 651-642-0916

www.storetodoor.org

Email: maryjo@storetodoor.org

Director: Mary Jo Schifsky **Year Founded:** 1984
Employees: 31

Mission Statement: Enhancing opportunities for aging adults to live independently.

Activities:

Store To Door shops for its clients, using an all-volunteer shopping force, at one of five local Cub Foods stores. Customers can order anything in the store. We deliver throughout the seven-county Metro area Tues-Friday each week. Customers place orders over the phone two days prior to delivery. We deliver directly to the customer's kitchen. Customers pay for the groceries and for any delivery fee incurred. Delivery fees are set on a sliding scale, based

on self-reported income (Approximately half of Store To Door's customers are asked to make a \$3.00 contribution for delivery. No one is refused service for lack of ability to contribute).

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, volunteer recruitment, and networking.

Our 25th Anniversary Gala is on May 1st! Contact us for details!

Support Our Schools, Inc.

10 River Park Plaza
St. Paul, MN 55107

Work: 651-603-8858

FAX: 651-641-1244

www.supportourschools.info
roger@supportourschools.info

Director: Roger Barr **Year Founded:** 1997 **# Employees:** 1

Mission Statement: We support public education in St. Paul and work towards its improvement.

Activities: We rally the community to provide additional resources for public schools through our Leadership United initiative. Every odd numbered year, we organize and conduct "Candidate Colleg" a course for individuals and incumbents running for the St. Paul School's Board of Education. We influence district policy on a wide variety of issues including, communications, school choice, high school reform, budgeting, and site based improvement.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: We joined the Midway Chamber of Commerce to raise our brand in the business community, to network with business leaders, and to support businesses and business leaders interested in supporting schools with their resources. We also want to help the business leaders interested in supporting schools with their resources. We also want to help the business community understand the challenges of public education, as well as helping educators understand the business model and business's concerns about education and workforce issues.

Twin Cities German Immersion School

1399 Eustis Street
St. Paul, MN 55108

Work: 651- 492-7106
FAX: 651- 789-0017

www.germanschool-mn.org

Director: Thekla Rura-Polley
Employees: 10

Year Founded: 2006 #

Mission Statement: Educating children for informed and active world citizenship. Andere horen, andere sehen, weltoffen denken und handeln.

Activities: TCGIS is a tuition-free public charter school that emphasizes academic rigor, parental involvement, and global outlook. TCGIS offers a unique multilingual and multicultural academic program that teaches a challenging academic curriculum – in German – to children from half a dozen different countries.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: To become involved in the local business community in which we operate. TCGIS seeks to make a difference in its neighborhood, a value that we share with other members of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. TCGIS believes in local sourcing of products and services as well as in participating in local events.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

3001 4th Street SE
Mpls., MN 55414

Work: 612-331-4090
FAX: 612-331-1540

www.tchabitat.org

Director: Susan Haigh **Year Founded:** 1985 **#Employees:** 95
Other Contacts: Kate Loe

Mission Statement: To eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities Area and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people as a matter of conscience.

Activities: Home builders for people who earn 30-50% of median income. Mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling. A Brush with Kindness program.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, networking, volunteer recruitment

We have our “Hard Hat & Black Tie” Gala on May 2nd. Contact us for more information!

Twin Cities RISE!

460 Lexington Parkway 800 N. Washington Avenue Suite 203

St. Paul, MN 55104

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Phone: 651-603-8520

Phone: 612-338-0295

Fax: 651-603-1935

Fax: 612-338-0191

www.twincitiesrise.org

Director: Interim Management Committee consisting of Peggy Yusten, Chief Operating Officer, Roy Barker, Awali Place Program Manager; Liz Jordan, Education Services and Operations Manager; Vince Fuller, Recruitment and Saint Paul Site Manager; Cathy Lawrence, Director of Development; and Dwaine Simms, Coaching Manager.

Founded: 1993

of Employees: 40

Mission Statement: The **mission** of Twin Cities RISE! is to provide employers with skilled workers--primarily men from communities of color in the Twin Cities area--by training under- and unemployed adults for skilled jobs that pay a living wage of at least \$20,000 annually.

Activities: Twin Cities RISE! is a training and skill development program. Our curriculum is based on input from customer companies and the expertise of adult education and training professionals. The skill development program carries the “weight” of our mission: preparing people for fulltime employment with the potential for job improvement and lifelong career advancement. It includes classroom training, one-on-one coaching, outside training and supportive services as needed.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility as a staffing source, recruiting, networking and fundraising.

University Enterprise Laboratories, Inc.

1000 Westgate Drive, 101
St. Paul, MN 55114

Work: 651-641-2800
FAX: 651-641-2801

www.uelmn.org

Director: Randall Olson # **Employees:** 2

University of St. Thomas

2115 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Work: 651-962-6400
FAX: 651-962-6410

www.stthomas.edu

Director: Rev. Dennis Dease **Year Founded:** 1885

Other Contacts: John Hershey; Neighborhood Liason

Employees: 1800

Mission Statement: Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.

Activities: Private Catholic comprehensive regional University. Students provide over 13,000 community service hours annually.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: The University is a long-standing Chamber member and remains interested in and committed to supporting and participating in the activities and business affairs in our neighborhood.

Urban Boatbuilders Inc.

1460 ½ University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Work: 651-644-9225

www.urbanboatbuilders.org

Email: info@urbanboatbuilders.org

Director: Dave Gagne **Year Founded:** 1995 # **Employees:** 3

Other Contacts:

Phil Winger; Program Manager

Brain Thorkildson; Boatbuilding Instructor

Mission Statement: Positive Youth Development through the building and use of wooden boats.

Activities: Youth participants in Urban Boatbuilders, Inc. programs will learn the use of basic woodworking tools, including hand tools, table saws, radial arm saws, band saws and a variety of measuring devices as they build wooden kayaks, canoes, rowing skiffs and sailing skiffs. Through this experiential learning which is both a captivating and challenging learning opportunity, youth participants strengthen the values of communication, cooperation, responsibility, self-confidence, craftsmanship and teamwork.

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Urban Boatbuilders, Inc. wanted to get to know the Midway business and nonprofit community as well as to familiarize that community with our work here in the Midway area of St. Paul. We have networked with MCC members around financial contributions, in-kind donations to support our work and contacts to help us solve problems or respond to new opportunities. Our Exec. Dir, Dave Gagne has worked with MCC in the past and recognizes its key role in development and business health in the Midway area. We felt MCC could be a valuable partner in our work with at-risk youth.

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Director: Marcie Brooke **Year Founded:** 1985 **# Employees:** 5

Mission Statement: To educate, strengthen, and affirm working families at the worksite.

Activities: Seminars, Life Balance Digest-publication, Resource Lending Library, Tip Sheets, Parent Education and Individual Consultation, and Free Child Care Database

Reasons why joined Midway Chamber: Visibility, networking, and to communicate the services we provide.

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