



The Link is a youth and adult led nonprofit that provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, housing, and supportive services for youth and young families experiencing homelessness, sex trafficking, and/or involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems. The Link operates 28 programs across three divisions: Housing & Homeless Services, Safe Harbor, and Youth Advocacy.



### **HOUSING & SERVICES**

The Link offers emergency shelter, housing, and supportive services for youth and young families who are experiencing homelessness.



### **SAFE HARBOR**

The Link's Safe Harbor Programs provide shelter, housing, case management and support services to youth victims of sex trafficking.



### **YOUTH ADVOCACY**

We operate six programs that provide positive alternatives to detention for youth in Hennepin County.

**MISSION** The Link works with youth and families to overcome the impacts of poverty and social injustice.

**VISION** A community supporting all youth in having equitable access and opportunity

**HISTORY** The Link was founded in 1991 by two Black community leaders and former Minnesota Vikings, Jim Marshall and Oscar Reed. They recognized the need that at-risk and homeless youth had on the North side of Minneapolis.



## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

The Link is a youth and adult led organization. We believe that youth with lived experience have expertise to help us lead this organization and the wider work to end youth homelessness, sex trafficking and reforming systems.

The Link works with youth leaders to co-design new programs, recruit, hire and train program staff, evaluate programs, and lead advocacy efforts in the community.



# CAPITAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

On any given night in Minnesota, 4,876 youth are experiencing homelessness.

With 271 units of housing and 26 emergency shelter beds, The Link is the largest provider of youth housing in the state. And yet it is not enough.



## Multi-Use Operations & Housing Center Cost: \$30.0 Million

The Link's new Multi-Use Operations & Housing Center in North Minneapolis will add 45 units of high-quality housing, while also expanding vital program and operations spaces.

## Capital Investment Key Highlights

Floor	Activity/Project	Details
1st Floor	Programming Space	With a large area for youth and families to receive food and other basic needs items
2nd Floor	Office Space	For administrative and program staff, plus meeting rooms and training facilities
3rd & 4th Floor	45 Units of Housing	For young families, unaccompanied minors, and sexually exploited youth experiencing homelessness

**Ending youth homelessness and sexual exploitation starts with investing in housing for Minnesota youth**