



Youthprise Cooperative Housing and Community Center

A multi-use community-centered space that will maximize community assets, create opportunities for partners, and address priorities identified by youth.*

A Community-Centered Hub for Youth & Families

As Youthprise continues to evolve and grow as an organization, the need for more and better space – centered in community – is increasingly important to effectively maximize our mission.

The Vision



Advance Housing Stability

Cooperative housing + affordable housing for students + pathways to homeownership



Leverage Community Assets

childcare + workforce development + youth supportive services + wellness and healing



Address Local & Regional Needs

Nutrition distribution hub and commercial kitchen + community convening space + nonprofit incubator/office space



The Property

Located at 340 Cedar Street in downtown Saint Paul, the site has ample room to achieve project goals. The former Saint Paul Athletic Club is a 13-story structure designed in 1915 by one of the architects behind New York's Grand Central Station. Located next to Saint Paul's Central Station light rail stop, the edifice is the former home to Lifetime Fitness, Hotel 340, and the College of St. Scholastica. The building features a commercial kitchen, office and meeting space, 56 sleeping rooms, a full gym, and a swimming pool.

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***Youth from the Twin Cities participated in a community needs assessment that helped inform the concept for this project.**

About Youthprise

Youthprise was founded as a nonprofit philanthropic intermediary in 2010 by the McKnight Foundation with an original mission to champion learning beyond the classroom so that all Minnesota youth thrive.

Since launching, Youthprise has leveraged its financial and relational capital, and its expertise in youth development to increase funding for Minnesota youth programming and promote innovation in how our communities work with youth. As a philanthropic intermediary, Youthprise is designed to invest more than just money. Youthprise partners with youth and youth service organizations to share knowledge, capture lessons learned, and spread best practices to advance outcomes for young people throughout Minnesota.

**Building
Power
through
Learning &
Leadership**

**Advancing
Ownership &
Wealth
through
Economic
Opportunity**

**Promoting
Healing
through Health
& Safety**

Our Mission

Our mission is to increase equity with and for Minnesota's Indigenous, low-income, and racially diverse youth.

Our Vision

We envision a Minnesota where outcomes for youth are no longer predictable by race, geography, and social economic status.