

# 2011 Minnesota Fathers & Families Network

## 2011 Annual Report Summary

### 2011 MFFN Board Members

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### Advancing Systems and Programs:

Through this broad program, MFFN is changing the way that non-profit organizations and government agencies interact with fathers and children. MFFN is leading staff development trainings, presenting educational workshops, convening working groups to expand father-friendly programming, and collaborating with stakeholders and other partners to increase awareness of fatherhood issues and promote father inclusive services and programming. In 2011, MFFN sponsored seven day-long seminars for family services professionals across the state. MFFN co-sponsored a 2-day professional conference, the Minnesota Fatherhood Summit, including the Excellence in Fatherhood Awards, nationally renowned speakers, and 20 other training sessions. MFFN staff presented workshops or exhibited at other conferences/training events across Minnesota. MFFN staff facilitated programmatic strategic planning processes in five communities through the second year of Fatherhood Leadership Circles. Staff guided key aspects of work on two federally funded demonstration projects related to corrections and child support. MFFN also participated on over one dozen statewide and community-based planning teams dedicated to changing the way that non-profit and government agencies interact with families and children. Through this work, family service professionals and educators are creating more father-friendly and father-inclusive community programs. More than 500 family service professionals, educators, and policy makers participated in MFFN trainings and events in 2011.

### Policy & Education:

Through this program, MFFN educates fatherhood professionals and public policy decision makers about the importance of supporting public policies and systems that engage fathers as assets for families, children, and communities. MFFN staff participated on various statewide committees sponsored by government agencies and staff presented at numerous training sessions geared toward educating professionals in areas of public policy and family law. Staff was active participants on three statewide collaborative efforts to engage professionals and communities in public policy. Staff published articles about recent policy changes, legislative updates, and court decisions affecting fathers and families. Through this work, government agencies are changing policies and procedures to be more cognizant and supportive of the role that fathers play in nurturing families and children.

### Resource Development and Healthy Messages:

Through this program, MFFN expands the voice for healthy fatherhood by generating print resources, maintaining a strong online presence, and building the cadre of professionals dedicated to supporting men in their roles as fathers. In 2011, MFFN published 3 newsletters, emailed monthly training/research/policy updates, and maintained a comprehensive website ([www.mnfathers.org](http://www.mnfathers.org)). MFFN released its first sector analysis about fatherhood in Minnesota's child welfare system in January. Later in the year, MFFN published the Early Childhood Program Sector Analysis based on results from a survey from nearly 500 Minnesota fathers and 250 early childhood professional and practitioners. This publication discusses barriers to father involvement in early childhood programs and concludes with recommendations. A press conference was held in September. Staff contributed to, wrote or edited articles for publication in professional journals/newsletters of other organizations. MFFN printed and disseminated thousands of hard copies of educational materials about healthy fatherhood. Members receive quarterly newsletters, monthly email updates, voting rights, and other benefits. Over 1,500 professionals receive direct communication from MFFN on a regular basis.



## 2011 Revenue and Expenses

### Income

Fee-based Program Fees	\$75,293
Foundation/Corp Grants	\$158,750
Governmental Revenue	\$10,350
Individual Donations	\$2,606
Interest Income	\$3,463
Membership Dues	\$640
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,078

**Total Income** \$252,180

### Expense

Administration	\$107,284
Fundraising	\$347
Program Services	
Advancing System/Programs	\$96,735
Policy and Education	\$4,586
Resource Development	\$7,373

**Total Expense** \$216,325

**Net Income** \$35,855

### 2011 Fatherhood Award

#### Winners

#### Visionary

Carol Heuberger, Crow Wing County Health Department

#### Individual of the Year

Judge Bruce A. Peterson, Hennepin County District Court, Fourth Judicial District

#### Individual of the Year

Jeannie Meidinger, Wadena County Human Services

#### Member of the Year

Joe Kelly, The Emily Program



## 2011 – 2012 MFFN Funders and Supporters:

Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health , University of Minnesota

Chisago County

Children's Trust Fund

Clay County

Family Services, Rochester

Goodwill/Easter Seals

Hubbard County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Initiative Foundation

Little Falls Health Communities Collaborative

MAHUBE Community Council

McKnight Foundation

Medica Foundation

Minnesota Department of Corrections

Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Minnesota State Bar Foundation

Northland Foundation

Northwest Minnesota Foundation Early Childhood Initiative Fund

Park Rapids Early Childhood Initiative Fund

St. John's University

St. Joseph's Area Health Services - Park Rapids

Southern Initiative Foundation

Southwest Initiative Foundation

The McKnight Foundation

United Way, Douglas and Pope Counties

United Way, Twin Cities

West Central Initiative

Wings Family Support Services, Alexandria

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Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

Cash - CD 5094	10,426.92
Cash - CD 8253	82,682.62
Cash - Checking Bremer	10,205.40
Cash - Savings Bremer	128,502.41

<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	231,817.35
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**Other Current Assets**

Prepaid Expense	350.00
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<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	350.00
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	232,167.35
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**TOTAL ASSETS**

**232,167.35**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Credit Cards**

Bremer Bank Card Member Service	1,145.09
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<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	1,145.09
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<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	1,145.09
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**Equity**

Retained Earnings	186,794.47
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Net Income	44,227.79
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<b>Total Equity</b>	231,022.26
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**232,167.35**

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enhances healthy father-child and family relationships by promoting initiatives that inform  
public policy and further develop the field of fatherhood practitioners statewide