Together with families and community, we nurture children, build on family strengths and find alternatives to violence.

Drumming and Dancing Across Cultures

Through an Arts Activity Support grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, Southside has launched a Drumming and Dancing Across Cultures project. Latinx, African, and Native American artists teach traditional drum and dance from their culture, which are also three of the primary cultures represented in our program. Children participate in 12, age-appropriate, lessons in the classroom and families participate together at 4 family night events.

Our first drum and dance unit, pictured above, is with Kalpulli KetzalCoatlCue, a local Aztec (Latinx) drum and dance group.

The Drumming and Dancing Across Cultures project fosters cultural pride, inter-cultural appreciation, and reduces stress while also offering a myriad of developmental benefits for children.

This activity is funded, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund.

Holiday Store - Thank You!

Thank you to the 50+ individuals, businesses and churches who donated in-kind and cash gifts to make our annual December Holiday Store a great success. Your generosity lifts some of the holiday stress for the families we serve and brings joy to their children!

Recent Grants Received

We are grateful to the foundations supporting equity for children and families at Southside in 2019:

- Aqualia Foundation
- Athwin Foundation
- The Beverly Foundation
- The Fingerhut Family Foundation
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Lynne & Andrew Redleaf Foundation
- Marie Paulson Wold Charitable Trust
- The Medica Foundation
- Metropolitan Regional Arts Council
- Mortenson Family Foundation
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Proof Alliance
- The Ronald Fingerhut Family Foundation
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Thank you for your gift in support of health and education equity for children at-risk in South Minneapolis.