



Community Update

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MPHA's Russ to advise Minneapolis Federal Reserve on "inclusive growth"

MPHA Executive Director Greg Russ (back left) joined the first meeting of the Community Advisory Board for the *Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute* at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve. The CAB will help Fed researchers identify and explain opportunity gaps barriers to economic growth in certain communities. At its first meeting this month, board members discussed the challenge of translating academic research and theory into practice and practical solutions. *(Federal Reserve Photo: Stan Waldhauser)*

Faces of MPHA: Catching up with Shoua Vang (and family)

For 15 years, Shoua Vang lived with her parents (Nhia and Yia) and four siblings in one of MPHA's "scattered site" homes in northeast Minneapolis. (MPHA has around 730 such homes around the city.) In 2015, after years of working, saving, and planning, the family bought its own house in the east metro. All five kids have graduated from college; two have graduate degrees. Shoua put it best in a letter she recently wrote to us: *"It was made possible because of the opportunities MPHA paved for us. Because you provided us with stability, we were able to truly live and thrive... Your work matters, and it works."*



Public housing memory-care residents join fellow artists to celebrate art on the North Side!

MPHA is fortunate to have the Northside Arts Collective (NAC) rotate its members' amazing artwork through our Cora McCorvey Health and Wellness Center. At this month's NAC open house, residents of the Feeney Manor assisted living/memory-care facility (like Jeanne A., at left) added their work to the show. NAC President Tom Wolfe says, "this is what community art is all about." Members of the public are welcome to enjoy the unique McCorvey Center gallery (and walking track!) weekdays 8 to 4.

Want to learn more?