

New Website Design Resources, Donation Updates & More

If you haven't done so recently, log on to the Two Rivers CLT website and check out our new look. There are new resources for homebuyers and homeowners, including the Washington County Family Resource Guide, yard and garden guides from the University of Minnesota Extension Office and links to home energy guides. There's also a link to a community tool lending library and several links for financial assistance and advice of all types.

Our donation options have also been updated, providing secure options for you to help us in our mission of creating affordable housing options for the community.

Service Learning Camps A New Partnership -- And a Chance for You to Win

Two Rivers, in partnership with Service Learning Camps LLC, has a unique opportunity to have about 20 youth and adults available on July 26th, to lend a hand to Two Rivers homeowners. The help could be yard work, or chores like window washing. Our Operations Associate, Carol Jorgensen, discovered that 1 Roof Housing, a land trust in Duluth, works with Service Learning Camps LLC. After contacting 1 Roof Housing for more information, Carol was able to contact Service Learning Camps LLC, establishing the relationship for Two Rivers CLT as well.

The best part? If you are a Two Rivers CLT homeowner, you can enter your name in a random drawing to be one of the project homes that gets to host a work crew for either a morning or afternoon of home maintenance!

To enter, go to the "Contact Us" page of the Two Rivers CLT website and send us a message. Tell us you want to have your name in the drawing for Service Learning Camps LLC, and include what project you would like help with. We will notify winners by email in June.



Now Taking Applications 3 Bedroom Home in Oakdale



Two Rivers is currently updating this home in Oakdale. It offers a lot of value for the money, especially considering the improvements that are already done for the homebuyer.

If you are considering buying a home, this is a solid offering from Two Rivers CLT. Go to our website for more information and to submit a pre-application.

Home Maintenance Advice for Spring: Avoid Water Issues

Frozen ground, melting snow and Spring rain can be problematic for your home. The following actions should be done every Winter and as Spring approaches.

Inspect the Exterior of Your Home

Check the foundation for cracks. Make sure rain gutters are attached, cleaned of debris, and they extend at least 6 ft. or more to direct water away from the home.

Check the gutters throughout the year - especially before and after storms and when the snow melts in the Spring.

Plug in Your Sump Pump

Make sure your sump pump is plugged in and working properly if you have one. Check for proper hose connection and check pump hole to be sure it is free of debris.

Clean any floor drains in your home. Make certain the extension hose outside your home for the pump is diverted away from the basement.

Relocate Snow

Another easy way to prevent Spring flooding of the home is to remove snow away from the home's perimeter after heavy snowfalls.

Consider using a snow blower to blow a path around the home and be sure to blow the snow away from the home and air conditioner, or shovel and move the snow to another area to melt.

Introducing our New Board Member Zara Wolfe

My name is Zara, I am a single parent of a young child, a social worker, a Two Rivers CLT homeowner, and its newest board member.

Growing up, my family experienced a lot of housing instability, and I was homeless when I was 17-20 years old. I bought my home in November 2021, and this is the first time in my life that I have lived somewhere that truly feels like home. By having permanently affordable housing, Two Rivers CLT has given me the opportunity to give my son a level of stability that I never knew, more financial security than I thought was possible, and peace of mind, knowing that I don't have to worry about where we would live if we got priced out of our rent.

Professionally, I am an Organizer with the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless; my role focuses on community engagement and ensuring that people with lived experience of homelessness are involved in authentic and meaningful ways in key decision making and leadership spaces. Serving on the Board of Directors is a chance for me to live out my values around people with lived experience being involved in decision making at all levels, use my passion for housing justice in a new way, and volunteer my time to give back to an organization that has already given me so much. I am looking forward to serving on the board and bringing in a CLT homeowner perspective.

I hope another homeowner will join me on the board next year!

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