OUR VISION
To improve the lives of children/families, communities and the environment through the involvement of successive generations of the family of Carolyn McKnight Christian.

OUR MISSION
To support programs and initiatives that effect positive change now and in the future.

OUR VALUES
Compassion and Stewardship
Compassion and Reason
Civility and Concern for Community
Inclusion and Making a Difference

2016 SNAPSHOT
COMMUNITY GRANTS
MINNEAPOLIS $18,630
COMMUNITY GRANTS
NEW HAVEN $473,590
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS
$430,450

TOTAL GRANTS PAID $1,576,840
NET ASSET $35,061,632

Making a Difference
Compassion and Stewardship
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GRANTMAKING
MINNESOTA COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING
MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE YOUTH
We seek to empower economically disadvantaged middle school youth (ages 12-14) by supporting their families and others to inspire, nurture, educate and guide them to achieve long-term stability and well-being.

MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING
$303,305
$193,325

NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY GRANT MAKING
CHILDREN & YOUTH
We seek to empower economically disadvantaged children and youth by supporting their families and others to inspire, nurture, educate and guide them to achieve long-term stability and well-being.

COMMUNITY VITALITY
We seek to enhance the vitality of New Haven, Connecticut through programs such as arts, civic and cultural organizations that build a shared understanding and commitment to our community.

$373,690
$75,000

COMMUNITY VITALITY
CHILDREN & YOUTH
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ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT MAKING
Mitigate Climate Change. We support the development of a clean energy environment by supporting programs in the Upper Midwest to promote clean energy solutions.

PROACTIVE GRANT MAKING
$100,000

This is our foundation-initiated grantmaking designed to address systemic change related to an issue. There are twelve priority areas, that currently include Minnesota Comeback in a coalition of funders, advocates and education organizations focused on high-performing schools. Our focus is New Haven which has among, the worst achievement and opportunity gaps in the country, along with the goal of providing grants that support families and their children, to improve success and eliminate poverty.

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