



# INNOVATING TO EMPOWER YOUTH

## 2018

### REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Healthy Community Initiative

*Thriving youth. Thriving community.*



## At HCI, we're investing in what works.

Time and time again, we see the immensely powerful impact of investing in youth in innovative ways. As we look to the future, we continue to focus on the big picture, learning from others and expanding ideas that ensure our youth thrive.

We're investing in youth to work toward a better future. We're sharing our ideas with others to encourage collaborative success. We're convening programs, individuals and resources to cultivate positive change.

We encourage you to support HCI and the important role we play in making great things happen. By getting involved, you can positively impact 4,000+ youth. In changing times that can seem uncertain, it's important to remember that when we come together to support our youth, we're building a better future for us all.

Regards,

Zach Pruitt  
*Executive Director*

## MANY THANKS!

Together, we're creating a community that supports, values and empowers youth. And we're leading the way, demonstrating to communities far and wide the remarkable impact of our intentional efforts.

Please help us continue our important work by making a donation online at [www.northfieldhci.org/donate](http://www.northfieldhci.org/donate).

# INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

HCI's work has gained national attention for our innovative approaches to empowering the successful futures of youth.

In 2017, HCI was **one of seven organizations** to receive the **Bush Prize for Community Innovation** from the Bush Foundation. The prize recognizes organizations that are models for true problem solving and have track records of making great ideas happen for the betterment of their communities. There were more than 125 nominees for the prize across Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Organizations awarded the prize are those that consistently pick a path of innovation that drives profound results in the community.



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**THANK YOU**  **BUSH  
FOUNDATION**  
**FOR BELIEVING IN OUR YOUTH!**







## COLLABORATING FOR SUCCESS

We collaborate with 20+ local initiatives, convening like-minded organizations and providing assistance that allows them to further leverage their resources for their programs that benefit youth. We provide behind-the-scenes support by:


- » Sharing knowledge
- » Writing and reporting on grants
- » Building capacity
- » Making connections and convening entities
- » Tracking and evaluating effectiveness
- » Implementing activities

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# HCI-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS



# OUR IMPACT



**4,500+ POUNDS** of produce were distributed last year through Growing Up Healthy's Farmer to Family initiative.



The Take It To The Box prescription medication disposal program has become the statewide model. **22,761 POUNDS** have been collected locally.



Over the last 14 years, HCI has brought more than **\$9 MILLION** in grants from outside the community to benefit efforts for local youth and families.



**1,000+ BOOKS** were provided to youth through the BookBike, in partnership with the Northfield Public Library.



Give a gift today to ensure that these important initiatives are supported.

**310 LOW-INCOME YOUTH** received scholarships to take part in local youth sports associations through the Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative.

**649 YOUTH** and **442 ADULTS** attended the Greenvale Park Community School last year.

**804 COMMUNITY MEMBERS** volunteered with HCI-supported initiatives last year.

**87 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** are serving on local boards this year through the Youth on Boards initiative.



“ HCI is a champion at bringing the right people to the table – from the city and the schools to the hospital and local youth. HCI breeds leadership and success, and I am proud to be a link in the chain of people committed to the future of our youth. HCI’s innovative work to address the core issues and needs of our community is visionary.”

**KRIS ESTENSON**

*Associate Director of Alumni Engagement, Piper Center for Vocation and Career, St. Olaf College; HCI Board Member*





“ HCI is very intentional about providing youth with a space to thrive and helping systems change. I feel proud to work for an organization that supported me as a youth and provided many opportunities. It feels great to connect one-on-one with individuals and neighborhoods to create hope and change.”

**NATALIA MARCHAN**

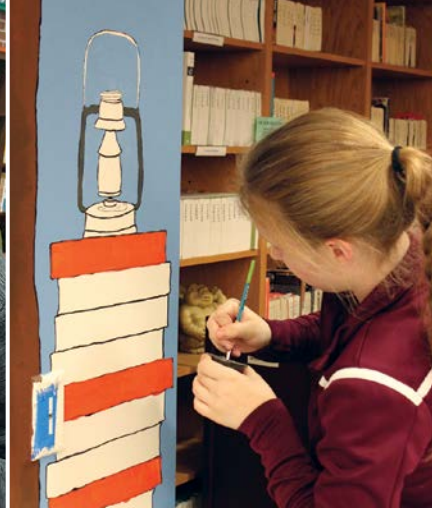
*Growing Up Healthy Coordinator and TORCH Graduate*



“ It’s empowering to be part of an organization that believes in youth and to see the physical differences you’re making in your community. Opportunities to get involved and have a voice wouldn’t happen without the support of HCI. The youth-led, youth-run mentality of these partner organizations is so innovative. When you trust in youth, outcomes for the community are better.”

**LUKE WISKUS AND CHASE INGRAHAM**

*Youth instrumental in receiving two HCI YouthBank grants for The Key*



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