

## **About the Collaboration with Southside Family School**

This past winter Museum of Minneapolis began working with Southside Family School on an oral history project to gather stories from local social justice warriors. These stories are being preserved as part of the collections of Museum of Minneapolis and will be shared during the Northern Spark Festival June 15th and 16th. Interviews will also be part of a 2019 exhibition, *Art and culture of the Protest*.

Southside has been engaging with the social justice community since the 1970s and is collaborating with MoM in order that we may share these stories. Through their network, MoM looks forward to sharing and preserving more stories about people working to make the world a more equitable place. Collected activist interviews from phase I include Jess Sundin, Jennie Eisert, Clare O'Connor, and Yolanda Hare.

Southside Family Charter School is located in Minneapolis. It opened as a demonstration school in 1972 serving students in the primary grades. The school evolved into an alternative elementary and junior high school serving students from the Minneapolis Public Schools until the 2006-2007 school year when it opened as a charter school. The school was granted a charter in 2005 and is currently authorized by Volunteers of America (VOA). It completed its ninth year of operation as a charter school in June 2015 with students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

Southside Family Charter School's mission and vision focuses on academic excellence, innovation in curriculum, small class sizes, and family and community involvement. The school's commitment to social justice is central to its curriculum and to its educational delivery model. Ultimately, the school's goal is to assist in the development of children who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and are leaders in their communities and the world. In addition to its emphasis on social justice and leadership, the school's educational curriculum stresses basic academic skills and creative expression as important components of a balanced education.

Museum of Minneapolis (MoM) was founded in 2014 as a museum without walls that works collaboratively with the community in order to be empowered by it. MoM celebrates and preserve our arts and culture community equitably through partnerships that provide space for all voices. MoM's mission is to engage, preserve, and collaborate with diverse communities through collection initiatives, education, exhibits, and public program about the history of Minneapolis and the Twin Cities Metro.