A Year of Growth

We’re incredibly honored to have assisted close to 170 low- and moderate-income households achieve affordable, supportive, and sustainable homeownership in Minneapolis over the past 11 years. Already in 2013, we’ve been able to assist 22 households and there are still several closings pending prior to year end. All households who “but for” the CLCLT affordability investment would not have otherwise been able to purchase their home.

2013 has continued to be a year of growth in other ways for the CLCLT. As the housing market begins to slowly improve, we saw an increase in the number of existing homeowners looking to make a move to market rate homeownership. This is significant as it will once again afford the CLCLT an opportunity to demonstrate the impact of the Community Land Trust way of homeownership and perpetual affordability by leveraging affordability investments over time.

CLCLT Homeowner Facts (Oct. 04 – Sept. 13)

- On Average, 49% of Area Median Income (average income of $33,290).
- Resales - facilitated 21 CLCLT resales, keeping every home affordable despite an incredibly difficult housing market over the past several years.
- Foreclosures - 7 CLCLT foreclosures over the past 8 years. CLCLT homeowners 50% less likely to experience foreclosure as average Minneapolis homeowner despite lower incomes.
- Incomes - over 3 years, CLCLT homeowner incomes have risen by 25% on average since purchasing home.
- Engagement - recent CLCLT survey showed homeowners are more engaged in community, and their kids are doing better in school.

1411 Sheridan: CLT Developed Home

In 2012, the City of Minneapolis approached the CLCLT about purchasing a tax-forfeited property at 1411 Sheridan Avenue North that had been scheduled for demolition. With the CLCLT, the property was usually purchased the property, completed the rehab, and worked with the CLCLT to sell the home to an income-qualified household.

Having been vacant and boarded for over three years, the home was in dire shape. To better meet the needs of the average CLCLT buyer, a dormer was added to accommodate a second bathroom and a two-car garage built. CLCLT partnered with Minnesota Greenstar to incorporate higher levels of energy efficiency and green-building methods into the home – achieving a renovated 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom energy efficient home.

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