

MNA ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2017



- **Grants for Neighborhood Schools** - provided \$5,000 to Lapham and Marquette Elementary for sensory seating (and other similar classroom supplies) for kids who require extra stimulation to concentrate. Funded classes for young artists at Lapham. Funded sound system for the O’Keeffe Middle School gym.
- **Scholarships** - awarded 2-year college scholarships to two East High School students (total \$5,000).
- **Common Wealth Development** - contributed \$6,000 to the Youth-Business Mentoring Program, to help provide area teens with training and enriching first job experiences.
- **Eastside Express** - provided \$14,500 to fully fund a free drop-in summer camp that offers sports, arts & crafts, and outdoor recreational activities for kids, and employment opportunities for teens.
- **Wil-Mar Center** - provided \$12,000 in unrestricted support for our beloved neighborhood center.
- **Advocacy** - worked with developers who want to build, restore or purchase property, or start a business in the neighborhood, to ensure that development meets the needs of the neighborhood and is affordable for the greatest possible range of incomes.
- **Trees** - helped develop criteria that permit more tall canopy trees to be saved and a plan for them to be planted in older neighborhoods.
- **Marquette Waterfront and Orton Park Festivals** - hosted Madison’s longest-running outdoor festivals, bookending the summer with music and community.
- **Winter Dance Party** - hosted a mid-winter community gathering with food and dancing for neighbors of all ages.
- **Bike Path Clean-Up** - organized groups to remove garbage from the path.
- **Bike Path Safety** - coordinated later night food cart vendors during the summer to bring activity to a problematic stretch of the path.
- **Self-Defense Classes** - partnered with the Rape Crisis Center to offer free classes in Chimera self-defense techniques.
- **Garage Sale** - organized the 5th annual neighborhood-wide garage sale with over 30 households participating.