



I started writing this newsletter *before* that “sky confetti.” I am now feeling a bit sour about October. I am a Californian by birth (the Minnesotans go out and spread lies about the weather to procure a partner), so I have a love/hate relationship with these four seasons.

*But I am no less excited about us.* I am seeing folks leaning in, stretching to find ways to figure out how we can make our **network**. Every day, Quincy and I encounter some new challenge that has no immediate answer. But I know that our collective does – we continue to build new muscles of collaboration, so that each day we are able to stretch to do even more.

## Next Time In Person–Fall Member’s Meeting Recap!

September was our virtual Members Meeting and let’s be honest, it was full of life but I missed seeing you all in 3D. Quincy and I had quite a few butterflies in our bellies, but we had over 50 people show up ready to dig in. Can you believe we have been at this for five whole months? Phew.

- After convening 75+ young people who have experienced homelessness in our community, our local youth researchers, Ryn & Qais, shared the initial findings on the *ideal* model of the Direct Cash pilot for supporting youth who are homeless to transition to housing stability. You can take a peek at their slides [here](#). Still more work to come!
- The Steering Committee is doing that granular detail work that truly keeps the work humming along. November will be Twin Cities Thank a Steering Committee Member, but until then please take a peek at this directional draft.



We are drawing closer to the Strategic Plan world. Please take this survey by **November 4**. And yes, we will pester you until you do. So be a love, and just do it? <https://forms.office.com/r/vmV6szfyT8>

## Time to Change the Narrative. (Hey You! It’s on You. And Me, too.)

If you are tired of the [media focus](#) on “juvenile crime waves” that are [not rooted in data](#) (take a peek at these moral panic type articles [here](#), and [here](#), and even [here](#)), and are interested in figuring out how we offer a counter narrative about what we could be investing in young people

after an exhausting dual/triple pandemic, we need your voice. Exploring ways to effectively shift this narrative takes all of us—so please plan on rolling up your sleeves and getting out your rolodex (an Old term for address book).

***First, we are hiring young people with a love of narrative work, ala social media.*** Share this flier in your networks:  2022 Media Design--10.24.pdf We hope to bring folks on board by early November—\$25/hour as a stipend, about 15-40 hours before the end of the year. **Priority deadline for applications is October 24.** Application is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/VTs69wwXhB>

### ✓ **SIGN UP** 🗨️★ **Diving into a New/True Narrative for Youth** ★🗨️

How can we work collaboratively to push back/create a new true narrative to counter the vicious return of the 1980s throwback of the “these dangerous youth” stories in the media? This will be a design session, digging into key audiences and messages as well as developing an action plan for each audience. We will need a diversity of people to participate. *Send your communications-forward folks and those with a passion for narrative change.* Open to all. **Tuesday, November 15. 10-Noon. Online. Register [here](#) for the link.**

### **Opportunity to Share**

Check out this [data-centered grant opportunity from the Constellation Fund](#) for focus in Youth Housing, Postsecondary Persistence, and Adolescent Sexual Health. Due at the end of October.

### 🌱 **Your Moment of Wonder** 🌿

And I know you won't take the time (2 minutes, 36 seconds) to click on this poem video by Ally Ang, but you should. I think it is what we are all working towards. It will refill your cup and give you a moment of wonder in your very busy day. <https://youtu.be/XAI0BEwrAWA>

Much love,  
Kristy & Quincy