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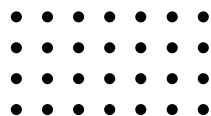


Albert and Louise Ordean (painted by Adam Swanson)

2025

Annual Report

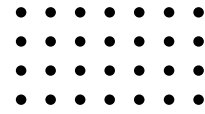
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Our Mission



The Ordean Foundation strives to inspire, encourage, and support effective community efforts to confront poverty and nurture a healthier community for all residents of Duluth.

Rooted in a legacy of inclusive philanthropy, we work to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive regardless of age, gender, race, or background. Our grantmaking is focused on addressing the root causes of poverty and supporting the organizations and leaders who are building a more just and equitable future for our community.

2025 Stats



68

GRANT
PARTNERS



\$1.8M

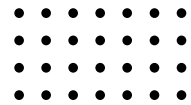
GRANTS
AWARDED



\$44.6M

TOTAL
ASSETS

Partner Spotlight



Damiano and Chum

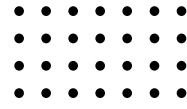
This year, the Damiano Center showed remarkable leadership and compassion by opening its third floor to house Chum's emergency shelter during the reconstruction of CHUM's own facility. Their willingness to step forward ensured that hundreds of Duluth neighbors continued to have a safe place to stay during a time of major transition, and it demonstrated how deeply Damiano is committed to meeting urgent community needs.

As daily activity in the building increased, Damiano quickly identified two critical facility upgrades needed to keep services running safely and effectively: improved temperature control in the food-storage area and essential updates to an overworked elevator. Both improvements were necessary to support the growing number of meals being served and to ensure safe movement throughout the building for an increased number of shelter guests, volunteers, and staff.

The Ordean Foundation is proud to support these important upgrades. Strengthening these systems helps Damiano and CHUM to continue offering dignity, nourishment, and belonging to our community members who are in greatest need.



Grant Highlights



Divine Konnections

Divine Konnections is helping young families in West Duluth find stability, healing, and opportunity through the Diver Morning Sky Hope & Healing Center. The Center offers seven apartments for young mothers and expecting moms, along with culturally affirming childcare and programs that support self-sufficiency and generational wealth. Ordean's support helps ensure these resources are available close to home for families working toward stability and long-term well-being. The Ordean Foundation is proud to stand alongside Divine Konnections as they strengthen families and advance equity in our community.



CM Solutions / Family Rise Together

The Ordean Foundation is proud to partner with CM Solutions, a social enterprise of Family Rise Together, as they transform the former Sunshine Diner into the Sunshine Innovation Space in Duluth's Lincoln Park neighborhood. This project will provide affordable access to a licensed commercial kitchen, along with training and business support, for BIPOC and low-income food entrepreneurs. With Ordean's support, the Sunshine Innovation Space will help reduce startup barriers, launch new food businesses, and build community wealth. Ordean is proud to support CM Solutions and their work to advance economic opportunity and food equity.



Downtown Duluth Outreach Program

Launched in response to increasing challenges related to homelessness, mental health, and addiction, the Ordean Foundation is proud to support Downtown Duluth Outreach Program. Through compassionate, on-the-ground engagement, the program connects individuals to housing, treatment, and employment while also supporting businesses through crisis intervention and de-escalation. This work reflects Ordean's commitment to confronting poverty and nurturing a healthier community, and we are proud to support a program that confronts poverty's root causes through collaborative community solutions.

A Note From the Foundation

Dear Friends and Partners,

Across Duluth and the surrounding area, meaningful change is taking shape through the daily work of local organizations. They are helping families move toward stability, connecting people with care, and strengthening the networks of support that make neighborhoods healthier. Their work gives us reason for hope, showing how community leadership and trusted relationships can create lasting change in people's lives.

At the same time, the challenges in our neighborhoods have intensified. Families are navigating rising costs, housing instability, health concerns, and barriers to essential services. Nonprofits, schools, health providers, and community leaders are being asked to do more with less, even as demand grows and funding becomes more uncertain.

The Ordean Foundation remains committed to being a steady partner in this work. Our mission is to support efforts that reduce poverty, promote health, and improve quality of life. We carry out that mission by listening closely to our partners, responding with flexibility, and helping fill critical gaps for organizations rooted in local experience.

We have long believed that those closest to the challenges are often closest to the solutions. That belief guides our grantmaking and deepens our gratitude for the partners carrying this work forward. Their dedication reflects the spirit of Albert and Louise Ordean's legacy: a lasting commitment to helping people in need and strengthening a more caring, just, and thriving community.

With appreciation,

Ordean Foundation

We Appreciate Your Partnership

AICHO	Family Rise Together	Northspan
Armory Arts & Music Center	Freedom Fund	Northwoods Children's Services
Benedictine Living	Girl Scouts of MN & WI	PAVSA
Boys & Girls Club	Lakes and Pines	Pilgrim Congregational
Building For Women	Girls on the Run MN	Church Playroom
Center City Housing	GND Youth Services	Planned Parenthood
Chester Bowl	Hartley Nature Center	Press Forward MN
Children's Dental Services	ISD 709	Safe Haven
CHUM	Kids Closet	Salvation Army
Community Action Duluth	Life House	Second Harvest Northland
Conflict Resolution Center	Lincoln Park Children and Families	Sleep and Heavenly Peace
College of St. Scholastica	LISC	SOAR
Damiano	Loaves & Fishes	The Water's Edge Church
Divine Konnections	Lake Superior Community Health Center	Trans Northland
Downtown Duluth	MAC V	True North Goodwill
DuLilith	Men As Peacemakers	UMD Memory Keepers
Duluth Bethel	Mentor North	Union Gospel Mission
Duluth Children's Museum	Minnesota Ballet	Valley Youth Center
Duluth Community School	MN Masonic Children's Clinic	Vita Nova
Collaborative	Montgomery Sports Foundation	Western Lake Superior
Duluth Library Foundation	Neighborhood Youth Services	Habitat for Humanity
Duluth NAACP	Northern Expressions Arts Collective	YMCA
Ecolibrium3	Northland Area Community Foundation	YWCA
Family Freedom Center	Northland MN Adult & Teen Challenge	Zeitgeist

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