The Mission Continues will conduct service events to beautify the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center facilities and create environments more conducive to lifelong learning, child development and family support while helping to better prepare students, young and old, for continued learning and opportunities. We will help restore community center facilities to create environments that encourage playing and gathering within the Willard-Hay and Near North Neighborhoods, thereby helping to build community pride, raise historical awareness, and increase engagement among residential members and families. The Mission Continues will help improve community engagement by providing Fellowship mentors to students and engaging parents about the importance of positive role models and being involved in their children’s lives.

The Phyllis Wheatley Community Center opened its doors in 1924 as a settlement house. The center was the first agency in the Twin Cities dedicated to meeting the human service needs of a growing African-American community. Today Phyllis Wheatley programs address the needs of children, youth, families and elders by providing tailored education and skill building opportunities to help individuals and families discover their strengths, develop their personal networks of support and take control of their futures. The center is located in Near North Community of Minneapolis that is a predominant African American community. Reportedly, 39% are living below poverty 21% of the residents 25-years and older have less than a high school education.

**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Built custom made shelving for staff and child development areas allowing for greater space utilization for child and adult programming.
- Painted interior section of early child development area increasing the professional appearance and overall facility beautification.
- Removed debris and old brush from surrounding facility exterior preparing site for further landscaping and overall beautification efforts.

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“When I returned home to Minneapolis, and looked around my city, I saw people in my own community fighting many of the same battles that I saw in Iraq and Afghanistan. By working with The Mission Continues, in support of the communities we are serving, I am no longer standing by when I have the power to help those who need support. I have the skills, and The Mission Continues gives me the assets, for me and my fellow veterans to continue to serve in Minneapolis, and to be around for the long term to see the outcome of our service.”

— SHANNON DOTY, PLATOON LEADER
ABOUT THE MISSION CONTINUES

The Mission Continues is a national nonprofit organization that empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. Our operations span across the country mobilizing veteran volunteers alongside non-profit partners and community leaders to solve some of the most challenging issues facing their local communities: improving community education resources, building community gardens, mentoring at-risk youth and more. Through this service model, veterans build new skills and networks that help them successfully reintegrate to life after the military while making long-term, sustainable transformations in communities and inspiring future generations to serve.

SERVICE PLATOONS OVERVIEW

United by the common bond of service, platoons offer veterans the opportunity to make an impact in their community, and connect with others through regular networking events. It’s a chance to serve alongside a motivated team and tackle a meaningful mission. This is your moment to make a difference. To learn more and join your local Platoon visit us at: missioncontinues.org/service-platoons/

OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Operations are Platoon-led community improvement projects that connect veterans and community members to bridge the civilian-military gap through volunteerism. The Mission Continues works with existing civic and local organizations to make a long-term, positive investment in the community, and to establish project objectives and desired outcomes based on the unique challenges of their local area. Veterans are at the forefront of these activities, leveraging their unique skills and interests from conception to execution. Utilizing these integrated resources and this model, local operations are able to establish realistic and measurable goals to ensure our efforts are impactful and sustainable.

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