



Dear Julia,

We're thrilled to welcome three new staff members to our team: Katrina Garcia Mendoza, Joshua Toor, and Mohammed Farah.

Today we'll introduce you to Joshua, stay tuned for profiles on Katrina and Mohammed coming soon!

A message from Joshua:

Hi, I'm one of WSCO's new Housing Justice Organizers, Joshua Toor, and I'll be working to build a West Side tenant's union. This work is really important to me because as a renter, I know how lonely I can feel when I try to advocate for myself. That's why I want to build a strong community here on the West Side through our tenant's union. Besides fighting for justice, I love eating everything in sight; traveling - I've been to about 10 countries; and hiking. I love nature and I know that we have some beautiful nature here on the West Side. If you're a tenant here on the West Side, definitely reach out and I look forward to working together to make sure everyone has safe and affordable housing.

You can reach me at joshua@wSCO.org, or (612) 405-2239.

In solidarity,

Joshua



Tonight: Community Care circle

Glow, Grow, Activate Community Care!

WSCO invites you to a gathering of our Community Care Circle on Thursday, May 26th from 5:30- 6:30pm at our office at 209 Page St. W. in Saint Paul. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare not provided.

RSVP



West Side Renters, Unite!

Join a group of West Side renters to organize for safe, dignified, and affordable housing in our neighborhood! We have regular meetings and dedicated community organizers who can work with you to know your rights and take action for housing justice.

Next meeting: Friday, June 10th, 5:00pm- 7:00pm at the Wellstone Center, 179 Robie St. E., St. Paul, MN 5517, Second Floor. Refreshments, child care, and interpretation provided.

RSVP at <https://www.wSCO.org/rentersunitejune22> or by texting UNITE to +1-651-800-9618



WSCO Way Volunteer Day & Potluck

Help us get the word out about the June 10th tenant meeting! Whether you're a renter or a homeowner, you're invited to stop by our office on Tuesday, June 7th between 11am and 7:00pm to phonebank or join a quick canvassing group to knock on neighbors' doors. Bring a dish to share with neighbors, or just come say hello!

Sign up

We are holding WSCO Way Volunteer Day in lieu of June's Voices Forum. Our next West Side Voices Forum will be held on Tuesday, July 12th. RSVP at <https://www.wSCO.org/july22voices>



Community Announcements

Trans and Queer Community (TAQC) Gathering: Join us this Saturday, May 28th (and on the fourth Saturday of every month) from 2-4pm at Rivering Library for fun social gatherings for the LGBTQIA2S+ community here on the West Side! RSVP: <https://www.wSCO.org/maytaqc>

Frontline worker pay passed! If you were a frontline worker during the pandemic, learn about how to apply here: <https://frontlinepay.mn.gov/>

Tree pickup: If you signed up for a free tree from Tree Trust, you can pick it up on June 4th at the Baker Center, 209 Page St. W.

Have a community announcement to share? Email genevieve@wSCO.org!

#WestSideStrong

WSCO organizes people of West Side to build collective power to advance justice and racial equity in the community for all people. We envision a just, united, self-reliant West Side where all of our people are connected, safe, healthy and successful. We are West Side proud. We are West Side strong.

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Please note: WSCO staff are currently working via a hybrid model, both remotely and in-person. All in-person community events require participants to follow COVID safety precautions recommended by the CDC.

