

Smaller

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Life shrinks
without a home to live in.

It shrivels until it

fits into a
torn grocery sack or a
holey old suitcase,

until it is itty bitty enough for you to
throw your socks, your comb, and
your dreams
into that sack
flat out fast
when Mama snaps,
“We got to move. Now!”

my life has melted so small—
soon I expect to disappear completely.



Making Children Visible: Ending the Cycle of Family Homelessness

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

1 to 4:30 p.m. (with reception to follow)

Presented by St. Paul Travelers and the
Family Housing Fund in connection with
the “Home Sweet Home Again” exhibition



Scott Strebler | Untitled | 1996–2004

Forum on Making Children Visible: Ending the Cycle of Family Homelessness

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St. Paul Travelers, Jackson Room
385 Washington Street • St. Paul, MN 55102

Schedule of Events

- 1 to 1:30 p.m. **Registration and Refreshments**
- 1:30 to 2 p.m. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Mary Pickard, President, St. Paul Travelers Foundation
Tom Fulton, President, Family Housing Fund
Pamela Zagaria, Vice President, Family Housing Fund
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. **Presentation of Research on Children in Supportive Housing**
Dr. Abigail Gewirtz, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of MN
- 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. **Healthy Families Network—A Collaborative Model
Supporting the Developmental Needs of Children**
Family Supportive Housing Providers
Ellen Hart-Shegos, President, Hart-Shegos & Associates
- 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. **Audience Discussion and Q & A**
- 4:15 to 4:30 p.m. **Closing & Wrap-Up**
“Home Sweet Home Again” Artists and Poets
- 4:30 to 6 p.m. **Art Viewing & Reception • “Home Sweet Home Again” exhibition**

The St. Paul Travelers Foundation, often in partnership with the Family Housing Fund, has been a strong supporter of affordable housing, especially for families with children. Research shows that the effects of homelessness on children and their families is often devastating. You are invited to join us for this important discussion that will focus on housing policy around the needs of children and the role of collaborative solutions in ending family homelessness. St. Paul Travelers is also currently hosting the Family Housing Fund’s “Home Sweet Home Again: An Exhibition of Art and Poetry.” Seating is limited. **To RSVP, and for directions and parking information, please contact Miko at 612-375-9644 or miko@fhfund.org.**