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*A group of smiling youngsters at the Thomas-Dale Child Care Center, part of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's Child Care Services Program. Child care issues are one of the many concerns of the Saint Paul Foundation. See article beginning on page 4.*

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**On the cover:** Children at the Thomas-Dale Child Care Center attend one of the many needed child care centers operated by the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in the East Metro area of St. Paul and Ramsey County.

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## A Message from the Editorial Board

**R**amsey County History welcomes the submission of manuscripts dealing with the history of St. Paul, Ramsey County, and their environs. In particular, the Editorial Board encourages writers to contact the editor with proposals for neighborhood histories, stories about local leaders and their families, accounts of prominent institutions, businesses or organizations and articles on the racial and ethnic diversity of Ramsey County.

The intent of the Editorial Board is to encourage and support writing about urban and local history relating to St. Paul and Ramsey County. Our quarterly magazine needs a continuing flow of well researched and thoughtfully written articles that reflect the richness of the people, places, and institutions of the county. The members of our society are enthusiastic about history. They deserve the best historical writing we can provide to them.

—John L. Lindley, chairman, Editorial Board

► Ramsey Action Programs, Inc., with support from the Foundation and a grant from the U. S. Department of Energy, helps low income clients weatherize their homes.



▼ Neighborhood House, located in a multi-ethnic community, provides camping, counseling, a medical clinic, child care and recreation for all ages. Here, a winter camping group warms up at Camp Owendigo, near St. Paul.



## A HALF-CENTURY OF CHANGE

A community foundation, with its built-in flexibility, is designed to deal with change, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the history of The Saint Paul Foundation, as these photographs of Foundation programs indicate. As the Foundation marks its fiftieth year, it finds itself helping to deal with problems and to support programs that either were unheard of or were unacknowledged during the lifetimes of the Foundation's early donors. They have included, but have by no means been limited to, minority education, refugee resettlement, illiteracy, battered women and care for children in crisis.



► Lao Family Community is a self-help association serving Hmong people in St. Paul. The Hmong Enterprise Project at the Lao Family Community Center helps Hmong women use traditional designs and skills to produce needlework items for sale.



◀ Crisis Nurseries, a project of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota, was established with the help of funding from The Saint Paul Foundation.

▲ The Union Gospel Mission, established in St. Paul in 1903, has developed programs that meet changing community needs. Among them is the St. Paul Girls Club, housed in the Mission's center on University Avenue.



▲ Women's Advocates provides emergency shelter, care, counseling and emotional support for women and their children who have been physically abused. Foundation money has helped support the organization's programs.



▲ In one-on-one tutoring sessions at the Technology for Literacy Center, personalized education programs help functionally illiterate adults.



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*The Theodore Hamm mansion at 671 Greenbrier Avenue, as it looked around 1900. See page 3.*

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