Through partnerships between several Northside community organizations, neighborhood youth will have the opportunity to create a legacy that will last well beyond their generation's lifetime. With the donation of trees from Tree Trust, they will spend the next several weeks planting trees in the tornado-ravaged areas in North Minneapolis.

Pictured: Youth involved in the Emerge Streetwerks Summer Youth Employment program.

Participants will spend the next two weeks going door-to-door, offering to plant trees in the yards of homeowners at no charge. The following week, they will go through an orientation process to learn the proper method to plant a variety of trees, which will include canopy-type shade trees (oak and elm) and ornamental trees (Japanese lilac, red bud and crabapple).

"This is a continued reflection of how the North side's resilience is so profound," said Chad Schwitters, Executive Director of Urban Homeworks. "Our kids, on our blocks, recovering the canopy, one tree at a time."

Community organizations contributing to this project include Urban Homeworks, Sanctuary CDC, Tree Trust and Emerge, with funding from the Northside Community Response Team.

Urban Homeworks, the faith-based organization, is located in north Minneapolis, near the

intersection of Broadway and Emerson Avenue North. Urban Homeworks rebuilds neighborhoods, reconnects people and reclaims hope in under-resourced neighborhoods of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

To get involved in the project or to request to have a tree planted in your yard, please contact Jen at jen@sanctuarycdc.org, or 612-692-6566.