

Model Cities celebrates 45 years

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Model Cities, 839 University Ave., St. Paul, is celebrating its 45 year legacy of community service with the celebration “Back to the 60s Party” on Sat. July 21.

Pictured: Councilmember Melvin Carter and youth.

“I am hoping this event will bring people from our generation out to have fun,” said Office Manager Judith Aminmentse. The band, Urban Cadence, will sing songs by Aretha Franklin and Evan Brown and the Twin Cities Steppers Association is helping promote the event. Since 1969, Model Cities has helped the St. Paul Summit and University Avenue area through housing and educational programming especially those geared towards youth.

“I think that the program has been very successful,” said Youth Services Program Manager Shennika Sueduth. Sueduth said in the community there is “disparity young people find themselves in” and many of them aspire to change their lifestyles. “Just because that is the environment they were brought into, it is not the environment they have to remain in.”

According to Model Cities 2011 Highlights , 205 youth between the ages of 13 and 18 were enrolled in Model Cities’ enrichment and early intervention programs; Youth Enrichment Services (YES) and Juvenile Detention Alternative

