



# Phillips Neighborhood, Minneapolis

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## Organization

Hope Community is a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of Phillips residents through affordable housing and leadership development programs.

## Intern Project

Increase the air quality of the Phillips neighborhood by working with local restaurants and child care facilities to transition to safer cleaning products.

## Incentives to Change

Some cleaning products that contain bleach, quaternary ammonium compounds (QUATS), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), are not only harmful to local air quality but also degrade human health by causing increased levels of asthma and cancer.



## Solutions

### Evaluate Current Cleaning Products

Work with business owners to identify which cleaning products are used, then perform research to see if they contain harmful ingredients.

### Make Recommendations

Create a list of healthier alternative products that are as accessible and effective as businesses' current products.

### Provide Trial Products

Deliver samples of recommended products to businesses and work to make sure that they're as effective as past products.

### Work with Businesses During Transition

Stay in contact with businesses in order to provide resources and solutions for those that are struggling with the new products.

