



Dain is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota and is working towards a masters degree in civil engineering. He lives in a studio apartment in Hamline-Midway, a few blocks away from Midway Station. Dain bartends at a small pub in downtown St. Paul and is able to take the Green Line from his house to both work and school. On the weekends, Dain likes to take his dog Sydney to the Mississippi River to go for a run by grabbing the bus from Midway Station to meet up with the regions extensive set of recreational trails.



Francis lives in a low-income apartment building on University Avenue, next to Midway Station. He works at the Archer Daniels Midland elevator in St. Paul, and commutes to work using both the Green Line and bus transit; though, he looks forward to the proposed street car on Seventh Ave. Francis is taking night classes at Hamline University to finish his teaching degree, and the bus allows him to commute from Midway Station to the university in the evenings. Francis enjoys also enjoys his close proximity to the fresh, local produce available in the Market at Midway.



Grace and Allison met in college at the University of Wisconsin. They moved to Minnesota in 2009, and were married in 2013. They have adopted two kids since moving to Minnesota, Gabe (6) and Emma (4). They live in a house in Hamline-Midway, close to Galtier Community School, where Gabe and Emma attend. Grace works as a loan officer at 1st National Bank in downtown St. Paul, and takes the Green Line to work. Allison works as an analyst for MetroTransit, and works in their offices located on the second floor of Midway Station.



Ole, a long time employee of the Ford factory in St. Paul, and his wife Harriet, a former school teacher, are now retired and live in an old, historic house in Hamline-Midway. They are active members of the H-M Neighborhood Association, and are involved with organizing events that bring neighbors together. Some of their favorite events include art and food fairs and seasonal festivals at Midway Station. They are also avid gardeners, and enjoy selling their produce at the weekly Midway Station farmers' market.



Rosie grew up in the Como neighborhood of St. Paul, where her parents still live. She is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines, and is based out of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in Bloomington. Rosie chose to live in the Apartments at Midway Station because it was more affordable than many other locations in the Metro and it was also close to her aging parents. Thanks to the quick transition from the Green Line to the Blue Line in Minneapolis, she is easily able to utilize the full capacity of the light rail system for work.



Shaun is a folk singer and songwriter from Fargo, ND who came to St. Paul to launch his music career. At night, Shaun performs gigs in small venues all over town, and likes to take the light rail when heading to his shows. When he isn't singing, Shaun works at Wheels Bike + Repair, where he builds, fixes, rents, and sells bikes. Shaun lives in a residential high-rise in downtown St. Paul, and rides his bike to the Station whenever weather permits. Shaun also enjoys the proximity of Midway Station to his favorite shopping outlet, Midway Center.

CHARACTER NARRATIVES

These fictional characters represent the diverse user groups that our site caters to. They represent people from all walks of life - from musicians to bankers and students to retirees, our design provides the connecting link which brings these characters together at Midway Station. You can find these characters activating the spaces of our design in the perspectives at left and right.