



FRIENDS OF YOUTH SERVES & SUPPORTS UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

Statement from Friends of Youth President & CEO, Terry Pottmeyer:

For the past ten years Friends of Youth has provided services for unaccompanied minors for the Federal Government, under a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement. Recently we have been receiving calls and email from media and concerned individuals who want to know more about our work with unaccompanied youth and we wanted to let you know more about our program.

Most of the unaccompanied minors we serve have crossed the border on their own and were unaccompanied when they arrived and were detained. They are in the custody of Homeland Security and are fleeing violence and war. They are seeking safety and shelter.

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A JOB-THE KEY TO A STABLE FUTURE



"Jack" was experiencing homelessness when he first sought shelter and services at our Redmond Youth Service Center. He knew that the key to a stable future was being employed and he was very motivated to find a job. The Friends of Youth employment program was designed for youth like Jack. Jack was engaged right away but changes in his housing situation made it hard for him to consistently attend.

Jack reengaged with employment services by attending our Job Club and, with the help of a Friends of Youth job coach, Jack got an internship at a local restaurant. Once he completed the internship Jack landed a fulltime job at another restaurant and quickly becoming a manager. While working at his internship and finding fulltime employment, Jack also made time to complete his GED with our Education Specialist.

Jack recently wrote to us in an email, "I just wanna thank you guys for such an amazing opportunity with this internship and to be able to be a part of something so fun and intriguing. It means a lot that you guys would go through the time and effort to help someone in my situation and be able to further my job opportunities and advancements."

Our Clear Path to Employment program is the only targeted employment program for homeless youth and young adults in East King County. Through this program participants can increase job skills, gain work experience, find jobs, and increase their stability. We are grateful to King County and State Farm for supporting this vital program.

HELP OUR YOUTH GET READY FOR SCHOOL



Having the proper tools for the start of school can significantly boost the confidence of school kids and knowing that they have the support of the community will help them feel great as they start a new school year. By donating to our Back to School Supply Drive you can set our youth on the path to academic success.

[Check out our list of needed supplies here.](#)

- Purchase some supplies at your next trip out to your favorite store.
- Drop off donations at our Kirkland Youth Service Center by Friday, August 17th.

If you prefer to shop online then visit our [Amazon Wish List](#)--they will ship directly to Friends of Youth.

Any questions? Contact us at volunteer@friendsofyouth.org.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST



Friends of Youth wants to raise funds to increase counseling support in the Snoqualmie Valley and the Riverview School Districts. Help us help our kids and join us at the Youth and Family Services breakfast.

Youth and Family Services Breakfast

Supporting:

Snoqualmie Valley YFS Breakfast – October 24th, 2018 7:30-8:30 am

Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center

[Register for the Snoqualmie Valley Breakfast](#)

Youth and Family Services Breakfast

Supporting:

Riverview YFS Breakfast – October 31st, 2018 7:30-8:30 am

Riverview Educational Service Center

[Register for the Riverview Breakfast](#)

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