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## A Holiday Farewell to Terry

As we transition to the New Year, we are saying farewell to our agency's leader, President & CEO Terry Pottmeyer. During this holiday season, join us in honoring, celebrating, and thanking Terry for her five years of service by [donating in her honor](#).

Terry has helped Friends of Youth succeed through her "T.E.R.R.Y." strategy – **T**ogether **E**nvisioning **R**eal **R**esults for **Y**outh. Learn more about the T.E.R.R.Y. strategy by following [our posts on Facebook](#) this month.

In 2015, we will use the donations you make this holiday season to continue to create real results for youth through expanded and new programs, caring and competent staff, and our amazing and resilient youth. Thank you for your donation and your shared commitment to provide safety and support for our community's youth.



## Because of You...

Each night in Redmond at our young adult emergency shelter The Landing, we provide life-saving shelter and support each night for 20 young adults. Due to the increased number of young adults attempting to access shelter, we increased our available beds from 15 to 20. We were able to do this because of the generous donations and contributions from you, our supporters. Here are a few examples of how you have helped make a difference in the lives of youth in our community.



- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, there were strong winds that caused power outages across the region. That night, a young woman – 22 years old and pregnant – who had all of her belongings stolen that day, stayed at The Landing for the first time. She had a warm, safe place to stay because of you.
- Starting in November, nightly temperatures dropped below. During this cold snap, an 18 year old high school student was kicked out of his home. With nowhere to turn for warmth and safety, he came to The Landing. He had a place to stay because of you.
- A few nights ago, two volunteers prepared a delicious dinner for our clients – spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, broccoli, and apple spice cake. For some of our clients, it was the only full meal they ate all day. Because of you, these young adults enjoyed a hot, home cooked meal made with the love and care that everyone deserves.

These are just three examples of ways that your support changes the lives of young

people. As always, thank you for your continued support of our work and our community's youth.

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## Upcoming Event

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### **Giving Tree Leaves Lasting Impact**

Each year, Friends of Youth partners with local companies, merchants, and friends to brighten the holidays for youth and children in our care. Our **Giving Trees** can be found in many places across the county, including: Capitol Hill, Kirkland, Redmond, Seattle, Woodinville, University Village, and more. [Click here](#) for a list of sites.

Giving Trees are decorated with tags that describe a holiday wish for one of our clients. Go to a site, grab a tag, purchase the item, and return it (unwrapped) to the site before December 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll make sure the gift is delivered to the right young person. Thank you for helping make the holidays bright!

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Morgan Winkler ([morganw@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:morganw@friendsofyouth.org); 425-869-6490 x309) with questions.



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## Keep In Touch with Friends of Youth

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With so much happening at Friends of Youth, we have many ways for you to keep up with the latest news:

Sign up for our e-mail list [here](#).

[Mailing list](#) – sign up for our quarterly newsletter

[Blog](#) – get in-depth blog posts delivered directly to your inbox

[Facebook](#) – find us and "like" us

[Twitter](#) – breaking news

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