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- Friends of Youth delivers a comprehensive range of therapeutic services for youth and young adults. With over 60 years of experience, 21 program sites and national accreditation, the agency provides safe places to live and emotional support for youth and families in challenging circumstances. Please, join us.

Scan this code with your smartphone to donate online.

Everybody loves a party, whether it’s a gathering of friends to play games, watch a sporting event or enjoy a summer barbecue. Hosting a party for Friends of Youth is a fun and relaxed way for family, friends and colleagues to understand and support the youth who come to Friends of Youth for help.

To give a party, contact Friends of Youth at info@friendsofyouth.org or call 425 869-6490 ext. 317

A FEW HOURS OF FUN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF AT-RISK YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.
“I never thought about having a party for good. I had a great time and we all felt good about having fun and helping kids at the same time.”
R. Wieland, via Facebook

The possibilities are endless. Use your imagination and get involved to make a real difference in the lives of youth and families!

Ideas to get your party started

There are so many ways to host a party — a few ideas are listed below. Go to the Friends of Youth web site at: www.friendsofyouth.org/GiveAParty for more ideas and details for hosting your own party.

PB&J Party
Supply bread, peanut butter, jelly and plastic bags to make 100 PB&J sandwiches. Gather several families to assemble the sandwiches for pick up or deliver them to Friends of Youth office for homeless youth.

Snack Pack or Hygiene Pack Party
Invite 10 friends or families, asking each one to bring 50 of the same item such as granola bars, cup o’ soup, pop tarts, or other snack items; or toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other hygiene supplies (for ideas please check the wish list on our website www.friendsofyouth.org/giveNonCashItems.aspx). Kids can assemble the packs and deliver them to Friends of Youth.

WRAP Party
Wrap for Warmth, Rest, Access, & Protection: Stock up on several skeins of yarn at the next sale, and have your monthly knitting group knit hats, scarves or blankets for the homeless youth in the area.

Friends of Youth Giving Party
Host a gathering with a suggested donation or giving goal. Friends of Youth staff member will attend and present our mission and services to your guests while you serve beverages and hors d’oeuvres of your choice.

Hosting a party is easy

Just follow the steps below and you are on your way to hosting your fund raising party of the year!

• Choose
Choose a date and time.

• Contact
Contact Friends of Youth to see if a presenter is available to attend your party.

• Make & Create
Make a list of people to invite and create your invitations, either email or snail mail.

• Plan
Plan the food and drinks you will serve. Call to remind your guests to attend.

• Set
Set the agenda for the event’s presentation.
  • Introduction - 10 minutes
  • Presentation - 20 minutes
  • Questions & wrap up

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Wish List

Supplies for homeless youth in our shelters or on the streets in 15 eastside cities:

• Body spray, deodorant, brushes, shaving cream and razors, toothbrushes
• Underwear (men/women - larger sizes needed too)
• Winter coats, gloves, scarves and hats
• Gift cards to fast food restaurants
• Bus passes
• Sleeping bags
• Hooded sweatshirts and sweatpants
• Journals
• DVD’s, board games like Cranium, Apples to Apples, Taboo & Pictionary
• Canned meals like ravioli, hearty soup or chili
• Cereal, snack bars, hot chocolate, oatmeal
• Paper products & cleaning supplies

Furniture for our housing programs for homeless young adults:

New or gently used
• Sofa or loveseat
• Coffee and end tables
• Pub tables with chairs
• Standard table with chairs
• Dressers and night stands
• Cooking utensils
• Pots, pans and dishes

Living room at New Ground Sandpoint used by homeless young moms and babies. This room created by volunteers as a Bright Space®.