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Friends of Youth Celebrates the Completion of Successful Capital Campaign

Kirkland, WA—Early this morning at its Kirkland campus, Friends of Youth held a culminating celebration of its ‘Housing Our Future’ Capital Campaign. Community members, staff, board members, partners, and donors toured the six new facilities while sharing in the successful completion of the campaign. US Congresswoman Suzan DelBene noted that the efforts of our committed community are changing the lives of youth in need. The event showcased the campaign’s final facilities – two homes for youth in extended foster care.

In July 2012, Friends of Youth embarked on an ambitious Housing Our Future Capital Campaign to raise \$6.7M to build seven new facilities. The goal of the campaign was to better respond to the increasing incidence of youth homelessness in the community, while creating a more visible location for the agency. The finished projects include:

- **Redmond Youth Service Center**, housing the agency’s drop-in center, street outreach program and young adult emergency shelter;
- **Kirkland Youth Service Center**, the agency’s headquarters, including direct services for homeless youth;
- **Youth Haven**, a new home serving up to 12 under 18 at-risk, homeless and runaway youth;
- **New Ground Totem Lake**, two transitional living homes for 16-21 year old homeless youth; and,
- **New Roads Kingsgate**, two extended foster care homes for youth ages 17-21.

“After three years of planning, fundraising, and construction, we are so pleased to celebrate the completion of a successful campaign and the opening of seven much needed community resources for homeless and foster youth” said Friends of Youth President and CEO Terry Pottmeyer. “Today’s event reminded us all of how much we can accomplish when we work together to build a better future for our youth.”

Friends of Youth provides a comprehensive range of therapeutic services for youth, young adults and their families to improve their emotional stability and self-sufficiency. With 63 years of experience, 25 program sites and services in 18 cities, we provide safe places and emotional support for youth facing challenging circumstances. Our vision is that all youth have every opportunity to succeed, and our services are designed to fulfill that vision. For more information, visit www.friendsofyouth.org.

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US Congresswoman Suzan DelBene thanks the audience for their support of homeless youth.



Congresswoman DelBene and Friends of Youth President & CEO Terry Pottmeyer



Campaign consultant Joan Caine receives recognition for her help with the campaign.



Three of the agency's new facilities for homeless and foster youth

