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Friends of Youth Receives “Little House” from YouthCare’s YouthBuild

Issaquah, WA— On Monday, July 14, Friends of Youth held a short celebration for the donation of a “little house” from YouthCare’s YouthBuild program to Friends of Youth’s Issaquah office – 414 Front Street North. The young adults who built the structure participated in the ceremony to talk about the YouthBuild program, share their experience of building the little house, and present Friends of Youth with a commemorative plaque.

YouthBuild, which is a program of Seattle-based agency YouthCare, provides construction training, leadership development, and education support for 30 young adults ages 18-24 years old each year. Every six months, YouthBuild Pre-Apprentices build a little house and donate it to a community group that provides opportunities and support for youth and young adults in need.

As the recipient of this donation, Friends of Youth will be using the little house for their Healthy Start program to store baby items and parenting supplies for first time parents. In September, during the United Way of King County’s Day of Caring, community volunteers will paint the exterior of the little house and build shelving inside the structure.

“YouthBuild is a great training program, and one we have been happy to support during our recent construction projects. The youth in the program helped us build our new shelter in Kirkland,” said Friends of Youth President and CEO Terry Pottmeyer. “We are so proud of their hard work and thrilled to be the recipients of this well-built ‘little house.’”

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, 22 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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Friends of Youth staff and YouthCare’s YouthBuild participants and staff stand together in front of the “little house” after the dedication ceremony.

