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Friends of Youth

Reigniting spirit, passion, and possibility.
Dear Friends,

Teen years are filled with transitions, from child to adult, from dependence to autonomy. Everyone faces challenges during this time in their life. But the youth we serve are dealing with even more problems than the average young person.

For over 55 years Friends of Youth has been dedicated to helping Seattle’s Eastside youth who are struggling with substance abuse, family crisis, and homelessness find the path to self-sufficiency.

Everything we do is directed by our vision that all youth have the opportunity to succeed.

In 2007 we had the opportunity to help 12,700 young people, each one unique and valuable, with so much to offer to our community. Through our four program areas—Residential Treatment, Youth & Family Services, Homeless Youth Services, and Youth Development and Employment—at our 17 locations, we were able to give young people the opportunity to realize their full potential.

Everything we do has a real impact. It means a homeless teen finds a safe place to sleep, a young mother learns to care for her child, a teen has a safe place to go after school where he can play his music, a young person successfully battles substance abuse.

Success means different things to each young person, and we celebrate the steps it takes to keep on the path to a healthy, independent life.

We would like to thank everyone in our community—donors, volunteers, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and collaborators—for making success possible, one young person at a time.

*Healthy Start is a collaboration of the following agencies: Friends of Youth, Center for Human Services, Northshore Youth and Family Services, Renton Area Youth and Family Services, Youth Eastside Services and the Public Health Departments of Seattle, King County, and Snohomish County.

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President/CEO

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Chair, Board of Directors
Vision
Friends of Youth envisions all youth having every opportunity to succeed.

Mission
Friends of Youth delivers a broad range of services to youth and their families to improve their emotional stability and self-sufficiency.

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