Street Outreach in East King County

Friends of Youth Street Outreach Team Member, Trevor, with our Outreach van (donated through King County).

Friends of Youth has helped thousands of young people exit the streets and find a safe and stable future - whether they were lost in the confusion of substance abuse and unemployment, ran from a home where they were suffering painful abuse, or exited foster care without a place to go. We serve the most vulnerable young people of our community - providing hope, healing and recovery.

Funding for the Street Outreach Program, including our Outreach van that travels to youth in 15 cities in East King County, has been hit hard with funding reductions this year. We need your support to keep our Outreach van on the streets this summer. Please help today.

Thank you! Together, we're making a safer community for all of our kids.
Did you know that LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Queer) youth make up fewer than 10% of the youth population, but up to 20% of the homeless youth population? Most report their homelessness is a direct consequence of family conflict, intolerance or abuse.

Friends of Youth is working hard to increase access to services for LGBTQ youth. We are proud to participate in King County’s LGBTQ Access Project. This three-year national demonstration project connects providers and organizations interested in increasing access to services for LGBTQ individuals. Through self-assessment and sharing best practices, the project strengthens skills among individual service providers, builds agency-level capacity and increases relevant and culturally meaningful services county-wide. Learn more.

**Events**

**Issaquah Art Walk**  
*Friday, June 7, 6-9 PM*  
*Front Street near Dogwood*  
Artwork created by our clients will be on display at our outdoor venue near the Hailstone Feed Store. Please stop by to see some wonderful art by young artists and learn more about our programs.

**One VOICE Resource Fair**  
*Thursday, June 13, 1-5 PM*  
*Cascade Covenant Church, 13225 436th Ave SE, North Bend*  
Snoqualmie Valley families are invited to learn about all the programs and resources Friends of Youth has available for children, teens, young adults and families in need at the annual One VOICE (Valley Organizations in Collective Effort) Summer Resource Fair. More than 40 service agencies, organizations and businesses will have free products and services available, all at one easy-to-access location. Come by to meet our helpful team members and pick up some treats! Find out more.

**Youth Haven Ribbon Cutting Celebration**  
*Tuesday, June 25, 11:30 AM*  
*Kirkland Youth Service Center, 13116 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland*  
Washington State First Lady Trudi Inslee will be on hand as we celebrate the opening of our new Youth Haven home. A brief program will be followed by a ribbon cutting and tours of the new building. RSVP

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