Perhaps the best way to understand the lasting impact of our Family Transitional Living Programs is through the success of our residents as they work to build a safe, stable life for their families.

“Amy” was 21 when she moved into New Ground Bothell. She was anxious to complete her high school credential and, as a single mom, she was concerned about providing for her young daughter. Amy had dropped out of high school as a sophomore, and still had two years to complete. With the support of her Case Manager, Amy enrolled into a local technical college and began attending classes so she could graduate. She was also working part-time.

Last June, Amy received her diploma and began to apply for jobs. She was pleased to learn that having a diploma improved her chances for getting a job and she soon secured a full-time, higher paying position as an administrative assistant.

Amy was able to move out of New Ground Bothell into a market rate apartment and had access to Friends of Youth aftercare services, which are available to all New Ground Bothell clients for six months after moving out of our program. Her Case Manager helped her resolve some challenges and maintain her housing.

Today Amy says she is relieved to have a stable place to live for herself and her daughter. She is excited to work in an organization where she feels valued as a professional. Amy is working hard and says she is looking forward to setting new goals for herself in the coming months.

Our Transitional Living Programs provide support and structure to help young adults attain self-sufficiency and reach long term goals.
FRIENDS OF YOUTH
Youth and Family Services Breakfast

When students have strong skills, along with improved academic results, they can better withstand the pressures of being an adolescent or young teenager.

We want to ensure that every youth has the opportunity to get through the school day with the mental and behavioral support they might need. When students find themselves in trouble or in a situation where they need a little extra help, Friends of Youth is committed to providing the support they need to succeed.

That's why the Friends of Youth Youth and Family Services fundraising breakfasts are so important. For the last six years we have been able to provide extra counseling support for students who need it, but we need to do more.

Our breakfasts provide support services to the students of the Snoqualmie Valley and Riverview School Districts.

Snoqualmie Valley Breakfast 2017
Kim Stonebraker, School Resource Officer

Riverview YFS Breakfast 2017
Kathy Lambert, King County Councilmember and Terry Pottmeyer, Friends of Youth President and CEO.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Snoqualmie Valley Breakfast
Wednesday, October 24th
7:30am-8:30am
Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center
1711 Boalch Ave NW
North Bend WA 98045

Riverview Breakfast
Wednesday, October 31st
7:30am-8:30am
Educational Service Center
15506 1st Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98019

REGISTER

HELP US PUT THANKSGIVING ON THE TABLE

For many of our youth and families with young children, putting a full Thanksgiving meal on the table is just not possible. But with your help we can provide a meal and memories of a fulfilling holiday. Our Thanksgiving Basket Donation Drive is coming up and here is how you can help: Fill a bag with a complete meal, purchase gift cards for families to purchase the protein of their choice, add your favorites, and drop off your donations at our Kirkland Youth Service Center, 13116 NE 132nd St, Kirkland, 98034.

Here are some Thanksgiving staples you can provide:
- stuffing mix
- potatoes (fresh or instant)
- chicken broth
- cream of mushroom soup
- gravy mix
- canned green beans
- pie crust
- evaporated milk
- canned yams
- pumpkin pie mix
- cranberry sauce
- aluminum pan

Donations accepted at our Kirkland Youth Service Center until November 14th. Contact volunteer@friendsofyouth.org for more information.
There are more than 10,000 children in foster care in our state each year. Removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. They are sad, scared, hurt, and vulnerable. They need the comfort, safety, and care that can be found in a loving, caring foster family.

Friends of Youth was founded in 1951 as a foster care provider. Our state is currently experiencing an increase in the number of children entering the foster care system. Nationally, the opioid epidemic has been named as a root cause of this increase. In response Friends of Youth has committed to growing our foster care program, to make sure that every child has a safe and caring home. This new commitment requires new tools, supports, and staff.

We need your support. We’ve launched Foster Friends, a giving group committed to supporting foster children through regular giving. Foster Friends are committed and compassionate people who care deeply about foster children, and who commit to supporting them with a minimum donation of $500/year for a three year period. The donations our Foster Friends provide are used to support our foster care recruitment and licensing efforts, to increase our support for foster parents, and to ensure that every child has a place to call home.

Join us! To become a member of the Foster Friends giving group contact Jackie Schultz at (425) 869-6490 x308 or send an email to jackie@friendsofyouth.org.

CEO CORNER
FOCUSING ON EDUCATION

Fall is Back to School time for students across our community. Thanks to you, our recent Back to School Supply Drive was a great success.

At Friends of Youth we know that education is critical to achieving lifelong stability and self-sufficiency.

This is especially true for the young people we serve who are experiencing homelessness. It is exceptionally difficult for these young adults to complete their education while also trying to hold down a job, take care of basic needs, and handle family obligations.

A recent national report from Chapin Hall found that youth with less than a high school diploma or GED have a 346% higher risk of experiencing homelessness (Voices of Youth Count, 2017). A lack of education also puts youth and young adults at higher risk for poverty and domestic violence. During the 2016-17 school year in King County the dropout rate was nearly 27% for young people experiencing homelessness.

Friends of Youth is working every day to re-engage students who have dropped out of school. Our Eastside Re-Engagement Center supports these students as they work to complete their GED and connect to post-secondary training and education.

Youth like “Charles”.

In March, Charles enrolled at our Eastside Re-Engagement Center. At nineteen, he was the primary caregiver for his little sister, and significantly behind in high school credits. While he was unable to continue attending high school Charles wanted to earn that crucial high school credential. With the help of our Education Specialist, Charles completed his GED in three months, taking his new credential with him as he looked for a great new job.

When you support Friends of Youth this fall, you are supporting the education needs of youth like Charles. We appreciate your partnership, and your care and concern for every single young person in our community. Thank you for not only donating pencils, paper, and backpacks for our youth, but for supporting our Eastside Re-Engagement Center and helping our youth prepare for a self-sufficient future.
What’s Happening

**OCTOBER**

**Youth and Family Services Breakfasts**

Friends of Youth will hold our annual Youth and Family Services breakfasts on October 24th and October 31st. These breakfasts will benefit the students and families of the Snoqualmie Valley and the Riverview School Districts. Contact devsupport@friendsofyouth.org or register for our breakfast here: friendsofyouth.org/breakfast2018.aspx

**NOVEMBER**

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive**

Give thanks this November with a donation to our Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. This year we would like to be able to provide more than 100 families & clients with turkey dinners. Our drive benefits our foster families as well as homeless youth and young adults in East King County. For more information contact volunteer@friendsofyouth.org.

**DECEMBER**

**Giving Tree 2018**

Each year Friends of Youth works with community partners and residents to give thousands of youth and their families special holiday gifts and much-needed supplies through Friends of Youth Giving Trees. Grab a tag and support youth in need during the holiday season. For more information contact volunteer@friendsofyouth.org.

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