

2015

# IMPACT REPORT



**YOUTH**CARE  
Homeless youth ▶ Off the streets ▶ Preparing for life

Dear friends,

2015 was a year that tested YouthCare's ability to respond to unprecedented growth in homelessness and the opportunities created by the strength of Seattle's economy. YouthCare continued to balance the heartbreak of youth homelessness with the inspiration shown daily by our youth.

This year gave YouthCare an opportunity to plan for a substantial increase in our reach and services for young people. In 2015 we merged with the well known and loved University District Youth Center. Further, when the Mayor of Seattle and the King County Executive declared a State of Emergency regarding homelessness in our region, YouthCare supported this recognition of reality. We were invited to collaborate with the City as the response to this crisis was constructed. YouthCare remains the lead agency responding to young people. We wrapped up 2015 with conversations on how to expand our impact even further to ensure that homeless youth can build the skills and hope necessary to engage with education, obtain employment, and achieve long-term stability.

We cannot deny the deplorable reality that there are homeless young people in our community every night. However, we can remedy this crisis. The answer lies in great leaps of generosity and action taken by all of us. Together, as a community, we can solve youth homelessness.

Your trust and support are an essential, empowering foundation for YouthCare. We cannot move our mission without your partnership. Thank you for being part of our family; we are truly honored. We hope you enjoy this report of your impact in 2015. All of our successes are yours to share.

With gratitude,



*Melinda Giovengo*

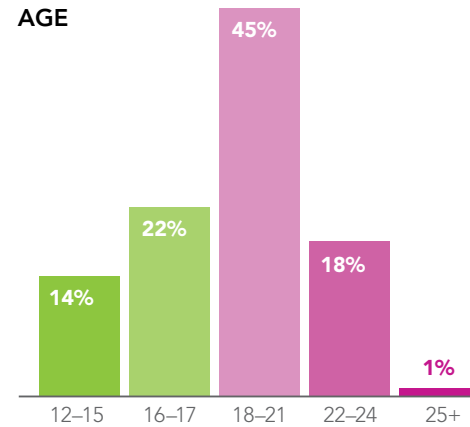
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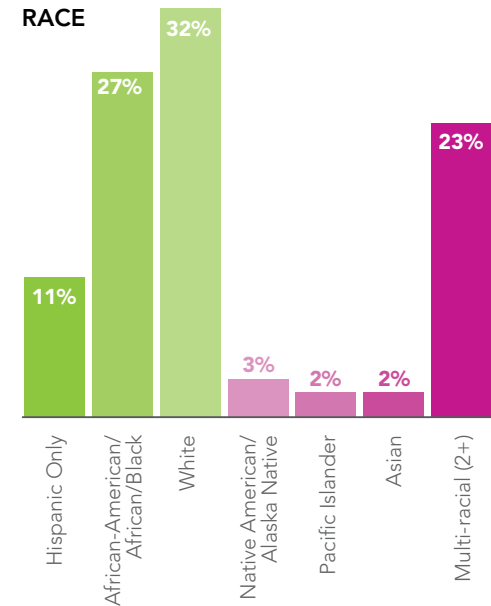
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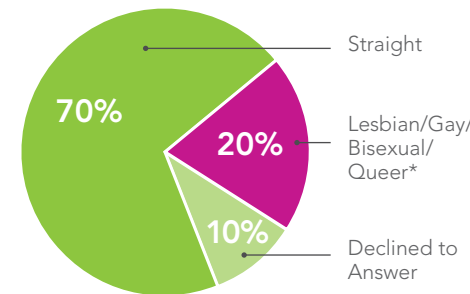
#### AGE



#### RACE



#### SEXUAL ORIENTATION



\*At intake, national stats report that 20-40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ

"I am thankful to YouthCare for being a source of support, learning, and basic survival for me. I am not sure what would have happened otherwise."

—Mike

### Community Support in 2015 included more than:



**10,817**  
volunteer hours  
valued at  
\$254,849

According to independentsector.org



**2,912**  
direct-service  
volunteer  
hours



**350**  
volunteers  
participating  
in 30 group  
projects



**1,934**  
individual  
volunteers



**1,270** meal volunteers  
contributing **4,886** hours  
to help with **80%** of meal shifts  
serving over **34,000** meals.



**2,000 lbs**  
of produce  
donated by  
Farms for Life



**150**  
drives for  
needed  
supplies

## PREVENT →



**77** youth requested help from Safe Place

**63** youth accepted emergency housing that night

**309** community members received resources and referrals via Safe Place

YouthCare launched the Youth and Family Connection Network (YFCN) in 2015 to provide case management services to youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness or are in a crisis that could lead to homelessness, with a goal of engaging the caring adults in the youth's lives.

## Case Management

Throughout YouthCare's continuum, youth work with case managers to develop and achieve goals for housing, education, sobriety, and other important steps forward.

## ENGAGE →



**2** emergency shelters



**426** clients



**45%** of exiting youth had stable housing\*

**868** young people accessed drop-in services

Youth ages 13-22 come to YouthCare's drop-in hours seeking food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and showers. While here, they can connect to shelter, case management, and employment and education services. In 2015, we joined Community Sign-in, which allows our community to better understand who is seeking services and their most pressing needs.

**417** youth and young adults participated in case management that includes specialized services for sexually exploited youth, LGBTQ youth, and employment services.

## STABILIZE →



**153** youth housed in YouthCare's transitional housing programs



**62%** of exiting youth found stable housing\*



**72%** of youth receiving rental assistance through YouthCare maintained housing for **1 year**

2015 was the first full year of a new coordinated entry system in King County that refers young adults seeking housing through a single, standardized assessment. YouthCare participated throughout the year in testing and refining this new model.

\*Only includes completed exit interviews

## Responding to sexual exploitation

**27** organizations received YouthCare's specialized training on serving youth who have been sexually exploited.

## PREPARE →



**115** clients received GED tutoring



**44** clients passed one or more GED subject tests

**137** enrolled in job training



**50%** of job training graduates found jobs

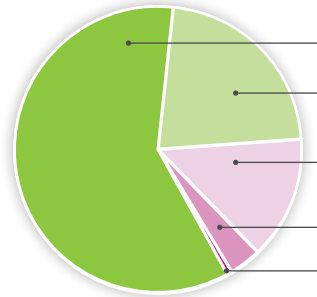
**36** enrolled in post-secondary education

2015 was a year of job growth in our community, especially for jobs requiring highly specialized skills. In response, YouthCare expanded our focus on building employer relationships to determine what skills are necessary for our young people to develop and how we can help them find stable employment.

**153** hours of community trainings on sexually exploited youth offered by YouthCare's Training and Policy Coordinator.

## 2015 Financials

### INCOME: \$10,458,525



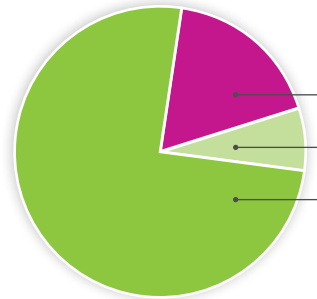
Government Fees and Grants **\$6,253,245**

Contributions, Events, and In-Kind **\$2,334,836**

Private Foundations **\$1,455,650**

United Way **\$367,843**

Other **\$46,951**



### EXPENSES: \$11,314,038\*

Administration **\$2,103,652**

Fundraising **\$818,107**

Program Services **\$8,392,279**

Total Assets	\$10,960,349
Total Liabilities	\$684,836
<b>Net Asset Balance</b>	<b>\$10,275,513</b>

\*In 2015, \$1,101,173 was available and spent from temporarily restricted funds (resources received in a prior budget year), resulting in a higher than usual expense line item for the calendar/budget year.

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