

2015

IMPACT REPORT



YOUTHCARE
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

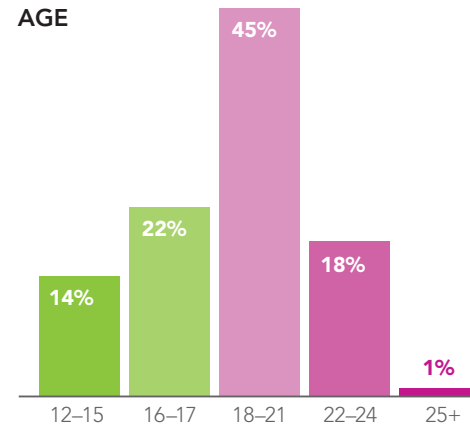
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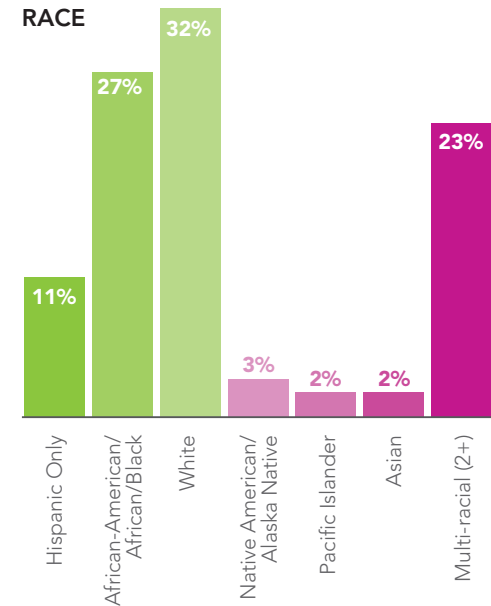
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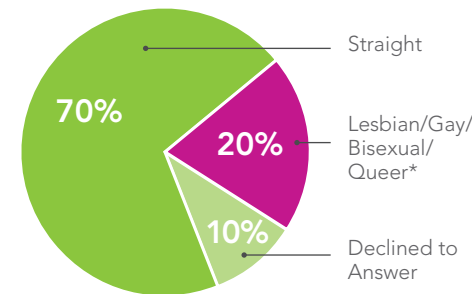
AGE



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

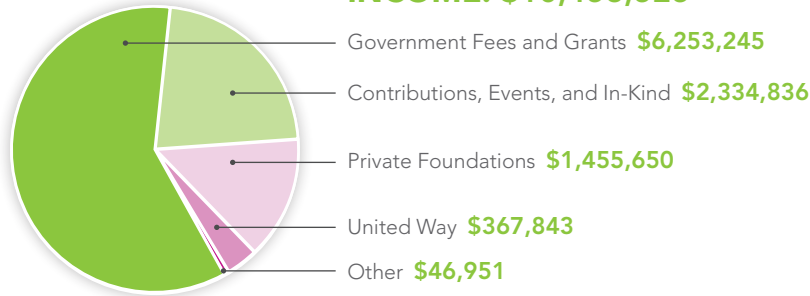
36 enrolled in post-secondary education

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.

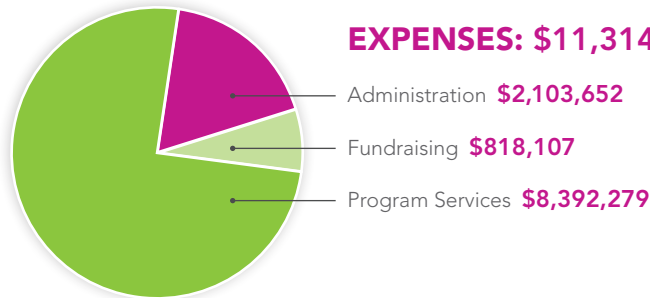
153 hours of community trainings on sexually exploited youth offered by YouthCare's Training and Policy Coordinator.

2015 Financials

INCOME: \$10,458,525



EXPENSES: \$11,314,038*



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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Assets | \$10,960,349 |
| Total Liabilities | \$684,836 |
| Net Asset Balance | \$10,275,513 |

*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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