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2) DONATE SUPPLIES THROUGH ROD'S HOUSE AMAZON WISHLIST

These are items specifically chosen for Rod's House Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter (YAEWWS). Here is the link: <https://a.co/gMIR5pm>

3) MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION*

Mail in a check: Please make checks payable to, Rod's House and send to P.O. Box 2283, Yakima WA 98907 To donate via PayPal please visit: www.rodshouse.org and click the "Donate via PayPal" button in the upper right-hand corner. *Please make note on check or via PayPal, your contribution is for "The Underwear Raiser."

*Let's work together!
Help support our community's
Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter.*

BRIEFLY yours,

Leslie & Spencer Hatton

Got Questions? Call Spencer at: 509-480-7736

The UNderwear-Raiser, a socially distanced fundraiser with a purpose!

This year marks the 10th annual event to help support the Extreme Winter Weather Shelter. The first request for supplies a decade ago was **BOXERS!** That's why our party was named the "Underwear-Raiser." The worldwide pandemic, however, has changed our party. We can't gather this year at Antolin Cellars, sip wine, enjoy appetizers prepared by Classic Catering and bid on items from the Seattle Seahawks and others auctioned off by Paul Newman. This year the party has transformed to an "UNderwear-Raiser", but our mission to assist those experiencing homelessness has not changed.

NEW SHELTER MODEL: This year the Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter is located at Motel 6 in downtown Yakima. The motel model thankfully offers a safer environment for managing Covid-19. Co-managers live onsite plus the location is close to Rod's House. Consequently, Rod's House doesn't have to provide overnight shelter, staff, transportation, or laundry services. We are super excited about this **SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE** shelter model.

3 ways to support the Young Adult Shelter:

1) DROP OFF SUPPLIES AT ROD'S HOUSE :

Wednesday, Dec. 2, & Thursday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
204 S. Naches Avenue, Yakima.

SUPPLIES NEEDED-

Sleeping Bags | Heavy Blankets | Hygiene Items

Clothing - such as long underwear, women's leggings, men's boxers, boxer briefs, women's bikini underwear, winter boots, hats, gloves and scarves (*Men's & women's, all sizes. Clothing guidelines: For safety reasons, please no red or blue colors. All clothing must be new.*)

Food Items - such as microwavable meals, Gatorade, TO GO Food Containers (*So young adults can take left-over food when they check out.*)



Interested in volunteering,
donating, or would like
more information?

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Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Let me introduce myself: I'm Lisa Wallace, serving as Interim Executive Director while a permanent Executive Director is hired. My background includes working in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, nonprofit leadership consulting, and program development and implementation.

Furthermore, I'm a founding member of Voices for Children and a member of the Junior League of Yakima. I am honored to step into the temporary role after the previous Executive Director, Joshua Jackson left to follow a new path. I'm truly grateful that my experiences have led me to Rod's House where I can further contribute to making positive impacts for young people in the Yakima Valley.

While my time here is limited, it has not been unproductive. As you've noticed the weather has definitely changed and so has our 2020-2021 Extreme Winter Shelter response. This year due to COVID, we are providing warm, safe hotel rooms for young people to spend the cold winter nights. If your family, your co-workers, or your church group would like to assist in our efforts to keep young people safe this winter we could use your help. We continue to need Meal Partners, who commit to providing daily hot dinners and breakfast. We could also benefit from volunteers to help with check-in/checkout during winter shelter season. If you're interested in providing meals or volunteering please contact Maggie our Volunteer Coordinator at Maggie@rodshouse.org.

In my short time here, I have been profoundly inspired by the young people we serve, humbled by the professionalism, courage and compassion of the staff that do this work everyday, and reminded of the incredible generosity of this community.



Be Well,

Lisa Wallace (Interim Executive Director)

A young woman came into Rod's House with her sister at the beginning of shelter season. They were both very timid and quiet. Due to past trauma and abuse, the young lady hardly spoke or trusted anyone. After months of getting used to the staff she opened up little by little. She is an amazing artist and started to draw pictures of staff. As she opened up her personality shined and I can say she is one of the funniest people I know! She now tells staff she appreciates them and has funny nicknames for them. She was recently matched with a host home who will give her amazing support and love. They all get along very well and I feel this is a huge step for this young lady's growth and success. She will finally receive stable housing and get to focus on finishing her GED.

- Rod's House Employee

NEW - Rod's House Expands to Sunnyside

The Young Adult Emergency Home is up and running! Located in Sunnyside, WA, the YAEH is for Young Adults between the ages of 18-24 that are currently experiencing homelessness and is aimed at diverting Young Adults from homelessness, or becoming homeless, by providing a quick, supportive and sustainable practice to ensure the success of all Young Adults who graduate from the program.

Young Adults sign up for the program and are able to stay 30 to 90 days, depending on their individualized needs. Dedicated staff are stationed at the home to provide support and help the Youth achieve the ultimate goal of securing stable housing and joining the job force as quickly as possible.



While at the YAEH, Young Adults are responsible for house chores, cooking, cleaning, and other duties related to facility upkeep and program support. Youth receive assistance from staff to ensure any questions are answered or if they need additional help. Weekly "House Groups" are held which include Behavioral, House, and Life Skills groups and allow the Youth to develop from different experiences throughout their stay.

The program is staffed with 8 full-time and part-time Resident Assistants, who ensure all Young Adults are learning and practicing everyday life skills including cooking, cleaning, resume building, job hunting, in addition to developing healthy and successful communication skills. A Program Manager oversees the needs of all Young Adults, assists with case management and collaborates with local organizations in the Sunnyside community to advocate for resources for the Young People. Additionally, a Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) is available for all young people, on site, Monday through Friday. Please stay tuned and follow along as we embark upon this new adventure.



Interested in building authentic connections? Want to help a youth or young adult meet stabilizing goals? Contact us at office@rodshouse.org to connect and learn more.



"Do not let anyone tell you otherwise: Youth homelessness is a socially determined problem, and solving it is beyond this nation's resources and abilities."
- Stand Up for Kids

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help us achieve a \$25,000 end of year goal.

The Rod's House Team and Board of Directors **thank you** for everything that you do to support homeless youth in Yakima County. The past year has been busy with unexpected obstacles and changes. Throughout it all we have had your continued support, and for that we can't thank you enough.

Every year since 2009, Rod's House has had the privilege of working with hundreds of youth between the ages of 13 to 24. In 2019, Rod's House served 427 homeless youth. Providing 4,835 meals, 103 young people received education support, 242 engaged in job training and 44 individual young people were housed. Rod's House volunteers gave more than 3,028 hours of their time in serving homeless youth. Because of your generosity and support, Rod's House can continue to afford the resources, services and guidance ultimately influencing a community-wide impact.

Today we ask you to join us in our efforts to support our homeless youth by investing in the human spirit of a young person and providing the fortuity to achieve their full potential and dream big. Please help us invest in the human spirit by further supporting our efforts and contributing to our end of year goal.

With sincere gratitude,
Lisa K. Wallace, Interim Executive Director

Lisa K. Wallace

A BIG THANK YOU!



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Thanks Baker Boyer Bank with Support from United Way for awarding Rod's House a grant to help us keep our services running during these uncertain times.



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Thank you Northwest Farm Credit Services for awarding Rod's House with funding from the Rural Community Grant program!



Thank you Leslie and Spencer Hatton for your continued and amazing effort into putting on another "Underwear Raiser!"



Thanks Dutch Bros. for "Radiating Kindness" with your generous donation!



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Thank you WSBA for your kind contribution and support!

Thank you Jason Kildall, Carmen Mendez, Danny Mendoza, Michaela Murphy and participating Starbucks for another year of the "Put A Sock On It" fundraiser!