

>> Connect



Mark
He/Him/His
Graduate of YAEH in Sunnyside



To me, **CONNECTION** means relationships; it's cool to form friendships, and it's reassuring to be connected with others.

While at Rod's House I was able to connect with other residents. Specifically, J and M. I just connected with them really well. There was also staff I connected with. Of note: Andy, for his support and mentorship; Ray, he cared about me, and he mentored me as well; Maggie, with her great sense of humor and laughter; Eric, he also has a great sense of humor and I enjoyed our many games of dominos; Isaiah, for his support and mentorship. I thank all the staff and volunteers that played a role in my success.

At Rod's House it felt really good to be supported and loved. I've moved back home to Arizona and it feels good, but I'll have a lot of new experiences and challenges to take on while getting re-established. It's fun being home and I enjoy my little brothers and being a part of a family again.



Mark,
On behalf of all the staff, volunteers and the Board of Directors, we wish the best for you and your family as you journey forward. We are so PROUD of you and what you've accomplished!

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» Respect

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At Rod's House **RESPECT** takes a lot of different forms. Respect means equitable access to available resources; Respect means not making assumptions about a person or their life experiences; and Respect means approaching all of our young people from a place of compassion and seeking understanding.

I have learned that respect is not owed to me. It takes a bit of time before many of our young people are able to respect me, and I have learned that this is not because they are "disrespectful" but because of the way I present myself, and am perceived. This is something I have had to navigate since starting at Rod's House, and is something I continue to work on daily. Respect at Rod's House means every young person who walks through our doors is provided the same tools, resources, and opportunities as anyone who walks in before or after them. At Rod's House, we never tell anyone what they need to do in order to have their basic needs met, or be respected. Young people who receive services at Rod's House are met wherever they're at, and that's truly why I believe Rod's House is so respected on the streets. The clients we serve are aware that we have no ulterior motives, and exist for the sole purpose of meeting the needs of youth and young adults in Yakima County.



» Empower



Sabrina

She/Her/Hers

Graduate of YAEH in Sunnyside

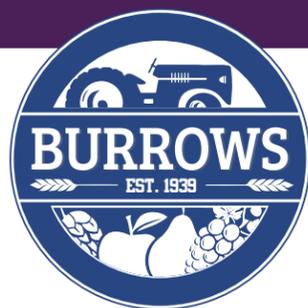
I'm Sabrina and I'm almost 20 years young. I ended up at Rod's House where I've made friends and learned about empowerment.

To me, **EMPOWERMENT** is living how you want to live without caring about people judging you. You're you and they're them, so it's like... who cares what they think! It's **MY LIFE**, not theirs. When you learn not to care what other people think, you're a lot happier. And if you learn that earlier in life, then you'll go through life smiling a lot more. *Do what you wanna do and you'll be a lot happier.*



"To me, empowerment is living how you want to live without caring about people judging you."

- Sabrina, Rod's House Youth



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