

» Winter Wishlist

ALWAYS NEEDED

- Bottled water & Electrolyte beverages
- Pre-Packaged snacks
- Travel Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant/ Antiperspirant
- Undergarments
(Mens/ Women's all sizes)
- Blankets/ Sleeping Bags
- Razors / Shaving cream
- Plates / Cups / Utensils
- Backpacks
- Tide pods
- Paper Towels (Rolls)



URGENTLY NEEDED

- Toilet Paper
- Chapstick
- Disinfecting wipes
- Toothpaste
- Personal cleansing wipes
- Sunscreen
- Socks
- Warm winter clothing
- Non perishable food/beverages



Call (509) 895-2665 for more information

Youth Success Stories <<



The outreach team first connected with Justin (he/him) while he was in active addiction and living on the streets. At that time outreach was able to meet Justin's needs but consistently urged him to go to Rod's House. After getting clean, during a short stay in County Jail, Justin was ready to take the next steps. He was then referred by outreach to begin utilizing our Resource Center as well as our Winter Weather Shelter and today he's in stable housing with employment.

Joshua was released from jail to the streets with nothing and nowhere to go. After getting clean in jail he knew he couldn't continue staying on the streets where he was surrounded by temptations and negative influences. That's when he found the Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter and how he was able to find dependable and stable support networks.



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

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THANK YOU!



Together with 200 other guests at the 2022 In Their Shoes Event & Celebration, we were able to celebrate how far we have come as a community since Rod's House began in 2009. Thank you for being there for the young people in our valley who need our help the most. We raised over \$30,000 to **END** youth homelessness in Yakima County. Thank you so much for making that happen!

Because of you, over 400 young people can turn to Rod's House for a safe, warm place to get help during some of the most difficult times in their life. You are giving young people the chance to receive basic living essentials, social and emotional support, and set long-term goals for a bright future.



RESPECT. EMPOWER. CONNECT.

» Letter from Mark James (former Executive Director)

Dear Friend of Rod's House,

It has been a pleasure serving the mission of Rod's House for almost two years, and I am sad to announce that my time here has come to an end. I am transitioning out of the role of Executive Director to make way for the next generation of leadership to guide Rod's House toward a bright future.



The past few years have been an incredible experience for me. What continues to impress me about Rod's House is the way Yakima County continues to surround this mission with care and support to take care of our young people experiencing homelessness.

This organization continues to change how community members can address youth homelessness and I am grateful for being a part of that journey even for a brief period of time. Thank you to the Yakima community for continuing to support the amazing work being done at Rod's House.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for never losing their passion for this mission. This is a group that is working tirelessly to pursue a brighter future for the organization. The same passion that inspired this group to open the Resource Center on Naches Avenue continues to work together toward finding new ways to address youth homelessness in our community. Thank you for your leadership and your time.

Thank you to our staff. We continue to grow in numbers, and there is still an emphasis on person-centered work. You have inspired me every day with your commitment to doing what needs to be done to help our young people find a new home. Your effort is contributing to the overall success of our community, and you deserve every accolade for your accomplishments at our various service sites.

I will continue to support this mission as a member of the community, and am looking forward to hearing more good news about how Rod's House is leading the way toward ending youth homelessness in Yakima County. Thank you for allowing me to join you on this journey.

With gratitude,

Mark James

When: Opening November 1st

Where: Days Inn - 1504 N 1st St., Yakima

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» STAFF Highlight

My journey with Rod's House began as a senior project in high school, over a decade ago! During my volunteer time I experienced a new outlook within the community. That invaluable experience impacted me enough that I made certain to keep an eye on the work the organization was doing. A few months ago, I was presented with the opportunity to grow with Rod's House! A highlight for me, as an employee, has been my interactions with so many organizations and community donors that share the same passion to be of help as I do.

For those in the community that want to help, the greatest donation need would be comfort; this includes but is not limited to comfort food, comfy clothes and the comfort of simply knowing there is a place like Rod's House where they can ask for blankets, sleeping bags and snacks, (to name a few of our most requested items.) The process is quick and simple. Once you arrive at the location we will quickly assist you by receiving your donations.

No donation is too small or too big; I look forward to meeting you!



Karina Causor
Shelter
Facilities Coordinator

Youth & Young Adult EXTREME WINTER WEATHER SHELTER

Meal Partners & Volunteers Needed!

