

ROD'S HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT

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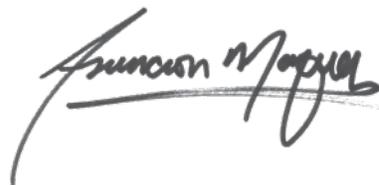
Letter from our Executive Director

Rod's House continues to serve the most vulnerable young people in Yakima County with compassion, dignity, and purpose. Over the past several years, we have set ambitious goals and remained steadfast in our commitment to meeting them each day. As a result, we are reaching more youth and young adults across the county than ever before.

This progress is made possible by the generosity of our community and their belief in the potential of our young people. Even during the most challenging times, every young person deserves a welcoming smile and a home-like environment where they feel safe, respected, and supported regardless of background. At Rod's House, this commitment remains at the heart of

everything we do.

We continue to reach milestones once thought unimaginable, making meaningful strides toward reducing youth and young adult homelessness in Yakima County. Looking ahead, Rod's House will remain focused on supporting, advocating for, and uplifting those who need it most by connecting young people to resources that empower them to build stable, hopeful futures benefiting our community for generations to come.



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Drop-In Services

A place where young people can get basic needs met and receive case management, which helps with goal setting in education, employment, housing, healthcare appointments, and more.

SERVICES OFFERED:

Hot meals every day • Clothing & shoes
Hygiene items • Hot shower • Laundry
Internet access • Stable mailing address
• Phone • Behavioral Health • Counseling
Case Management

Outreach Services

Our outreach teams engage youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, providing essential resources, building trust, and connecting youth with long-term services such as our shelters and/or case management.

SERVICES DELIVERED:

Food • Clothing & shoes • Hygiene items
Case management

Shelters

THE HOPE CENTER - Yakima

- 8 beds available for youth (13-17) / 90 day stay
- 10 beds for young adults (18-24) / 120 day stay

The Hope Center is designed to be a supportive environment where young individuals can access essential services, including housing support, mental health care, and educational resources. Our dedicated case management and behavioral staff will be available on-site to provide continuous support and guidance.

YOUNG ADULT EMERGENCY HOME - Sunnyside

- Young adults (18-24)
- 90 day stay
- 24 hour staff support

The Young Adult Emergency Home (YAEH) serves young adults experiencing homelessness. As they stay, staff helps young people address barriers in education, employment, mental health, etc. Young people will also be supported by case management and behavioral health staff.

2025 Event Highlights

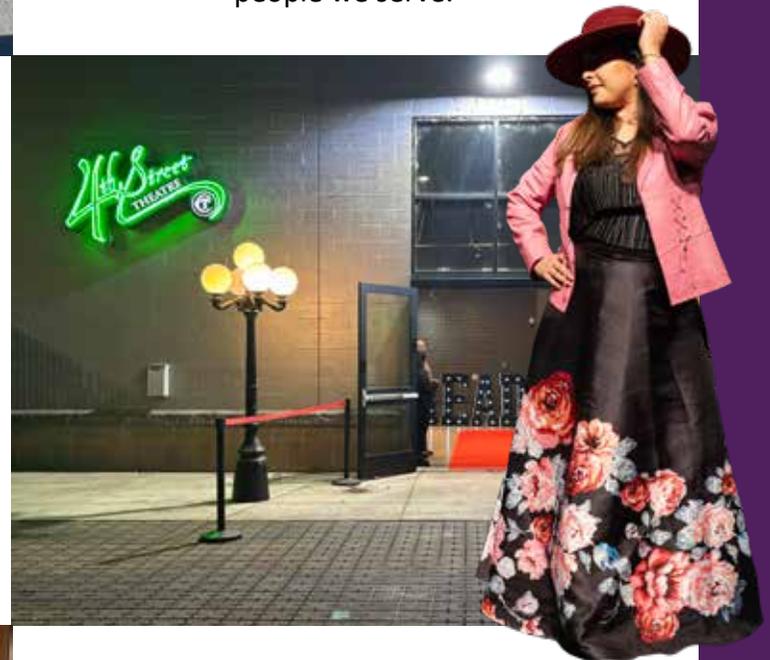


FANFEST NORTHWEST

Fan Fest Northwest is a Yakima pop-culture convention that brings fandoms of all kinds together in a celebration of games, cosplay, merchants, and more. All ticket proceeds and vendor booth purchases went to services for the young people we serve.

Threads FASHION SHOW

The Threads Fashion show invited local retailers, vendors, DJ Nahum Ray, and volunteer models to help put on this glamorous fundraiser where all ticket proceeds went to services for youth!



Sleigh the Night

ROD'S HOUSE

Sleigh the Night was a holiday event complete with music bingo, heads-or-tails, a dessert dash, and other exciting games. Ticket proceeds, our amazing live auction, and other bids helped us raise over \$50,000 for young people right here in our community.



Who We Serve



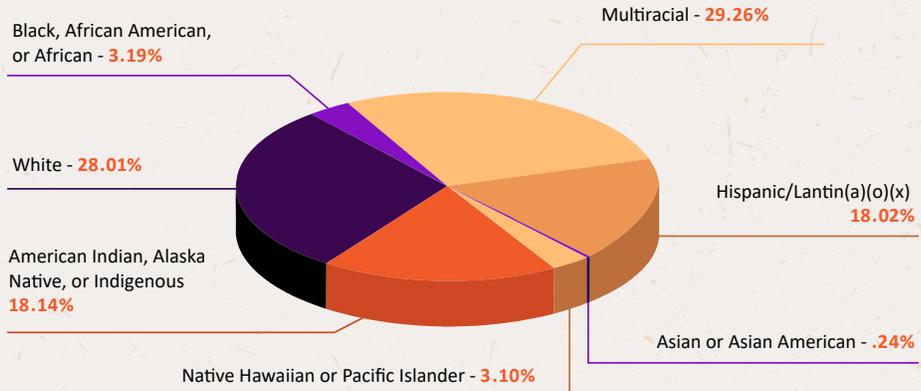
What it means to be **low-barrier**

All are welcome. As a low-barrier service provider, we understand that some young people may choose not to disclose personal data due to stigmatization, experience with domestic violence, and more.

When a service or program is low-barrier, it is intentionally **designed to remove as many obstacles as possible that might prevent someone from accessing help**. This is especially important for young people in need. It prevents unnecessary obstacles to receiving help.

Impact by Numbers

Who We Serve



Total young people who received Case Management:

315

Total Case Management Appointments:

4,184

Total Meals Served or Food Distributed:

24,091

Total Young People Who Received Therapy:



78

Total Safe and Stable Exits Into Permanent Housing

192

94
Educational Achievements

93
Employment Achievements

Behavioral Health Appointments:

680

Total Visits to the Resource Center:

3,185

Contacts Made by Outreach:

195

Total Nights in Safe Beds:

6,599



410 Young People Served in 2025

Behavioral Health

Rod's House Behavioral Health Services provide trauma-informed, youth-centered mental health support to young people ages 13–24 experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Yakima County. Services are offered at no cost and are integrated into our licensed youth shelter (ages 13–17), young adult shelter (ages 18–24), drop-in resource center in Yakima, and young adult shelter in Sunnyside.

Support is delivered through individual and group therapy focused on addressing trauma, anxiety, depression, and crisis while building coping skills, emotional regulation, and

resilience. Services are provided by licensed and contracted behavioral health professionals and strengthened by behavioral health interns from Heritage University and Boise State University, who expand service capacity under clinical supervision.

Behavioral health services are closely coordinated with case management, housing, education, and employment supports to promote stability and long-term well-being. By removing barriers to access and meeting young people where they are, Rod's House helps youth heal, stabilize, and move toward safe, healthy, and independent futures.

What is **trauma-informed care**?

Trauma-informed care in behavioral health services for young people is a mindset and approach that says: **“A lot of behaviors make sense once you understand what someone has been through.”**

Many young people seeking behavioral health support have experienced trauma, such as:

- Abuse or neglect
- Family instability or separation
- Community violence
- Homelessness or housing insecurity
- Loss, discrimination, or chronic stress

Trauma-informed care recognizes that these experiences can shape how a young person:

- Regulates emotions
- Trusts adults
- Responds to stress
- Behaves in school, relationships, or therapy

Care is designed to avoid re-traumatizing. It's designed to build safety and trust first.





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respect. empower. connect.

Our young people are fighting against barriers not always seen by others. These barriers include disruptions to their education, limited access to mental health care, social isolation, a lack of a trusted support network, and inadequate access to basic hygiene items.

Many of these obstacles are things some of us have never had to consider - privileges we often take for granted. At Rod's House, with our services, we help guide young people to create meaningful change in their lives so they are not facing these barriers alone.

We do not save young people.

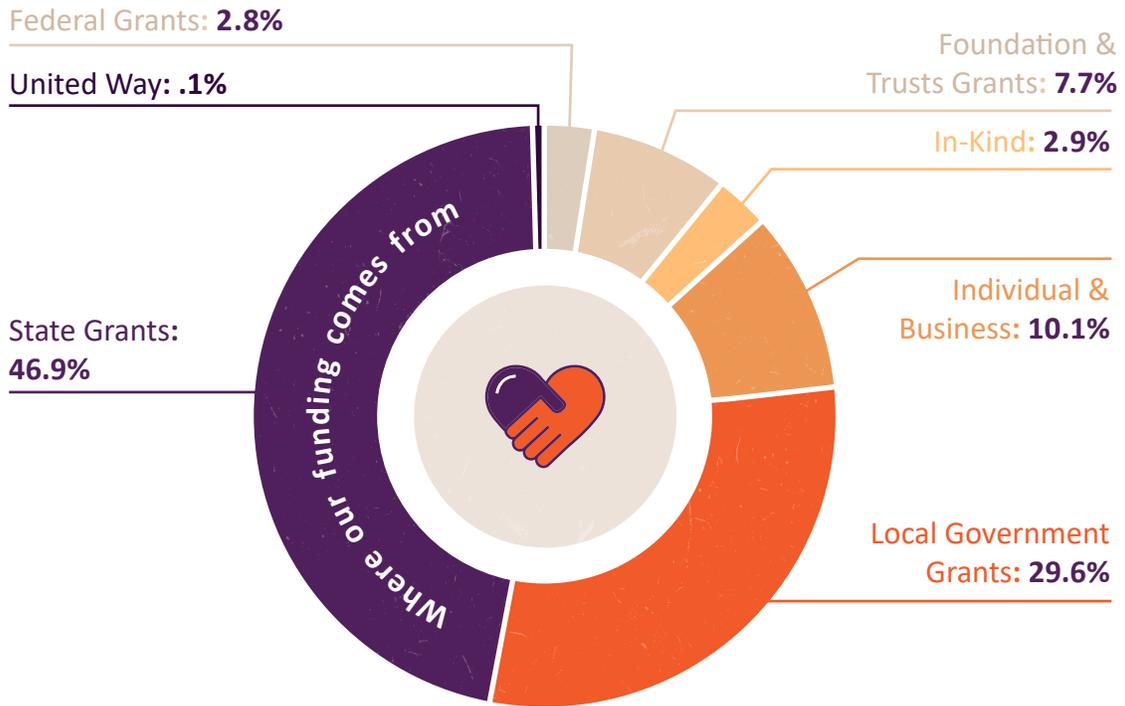
We empower them with the resources and support they need to save themselves.

“Northwest Harvest believes that **reliable access to nutritious food is a human right**. We know that poverty and food insecurity are deeply connected issues. The comprehensive services provided to unhoused young people in the Yakima Valley by Rod's House are absolutely crucial to addressing hunger. We are proud to support their work in the community because what we can't do alone, we can do together. “

– A quote from **Northwest Harvest**

Grant partners play a vital role in making our work possible. Their investment allows us to provide consistent, trauma-informed services and critical resources to young people experiencing homelessness—meeting immediate needs while also supporting long-term stability and growth. Beyond

funding, grant partners are collaborators who believe in the potential of young people and the power of community-based solutions. Together, we're able to remove barriers, respond quickly to emerging needs, and create pathways toward safety, connection, and independence for the youth we serve.



Funds support these vital **services** and **resources** for young people



SHELTER

We have two extended stay-in shelters, one in Yakima and one in Sunnyside. These shelters accommodate ages 13-24.



BASIC NEEDS

We provide meals, clothing, shoes, hygiene and more. It's important to cover basic needs, as it's impossible to focus on longterm goals without them.



OUTREACH

Outreach goes into town and meets young people where they're at, delivering needs, case management, and connecting services.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Free behavioral health services, mental health care, and referrals of care.



CASE MANAGEMENT

Assists young people with goals in education, employment, stable housing, and more.



LIFE SKILLS

We help with job readiness, financial skills, cooking, self-care, and more.



75¢ of every dollar goes to services for young people



Be a part of our **Impact Club**

The Impact Club is Rod's House's community of monthly donors who provide reliable, ongoing support for our work. Monthly giving allows our team to focus more time and resources on delivering services to young people rather than continually soliciting donations. By reducing the costs associated with fundraising, direct mail, and one-time campaigns, Impact Club members help ensure more dollars go directly toward housing, basic needs, and critical support for youth in Yakima County.

Your investment directly provides shelter, meals, and critical support to youth in crisis, but its impact goes much further. *It strengthens Yakima County as a whole* – making our streets safer, our businesses stronger, and our families more connected.

By empowering young people today, we're building a future workforce, fostering educational success, and ensuring the next generation can contribute meaningfully to our community.





We're all better together

Be part of our community.
Invest in young people today.

