"GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE" Give Local Starts Today

Join us as we take part in Give Local 2019 to raise $10,000 for Rosie’s Place Engagement Center and Overnight Shelter. Give Local is an annual two-week giving campaign, hosted by the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound, designed to encourage philanthropy in our local communities. Through November 21st, you can become a part of this growing movement to change lives by supporting a cause that is dear to your heart.

Thanks to generous sponsors, all credit card and platform fees are covered, so 100% of your donation goes towards Community Youth Services. We’re also excited to announce that Dawkins Charitable Trust is providing a $100,000 Bonus Fund, which is a proportional gift used to stretch your dollars farther!

Here are ways you can help:
1. Donate today by visiting http://c-fund.us/mvo
2. Help us by spreading the word about Give Local! Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and share our posts.

Your donation today can help someone like “Joe,” a 16-year-old who came to Rosie’s looking for support and case management. They were kicked out of their home due to their sexual orientation and gender identity. When they came to Rosie’s Place, they were sleeping on the streets with no place to go. They started to self-harm and feel unaccepted and neglected by their family and community. Rosie’s Place was an environment “Joe” started to feel safe, accepted and supported. “Joe” accessed case management and soon was able to find a stable income, housing and education here in Thurston County. Through the recommendation from their case manager “Joe” soon was referred to YouthBuild and found stable housing with their god mother. They are now thriving with the support of YouthBuild, stable housing and most importantly feels supported by their community. They have developed strong independent skills and self-confidence.

From Jan. 2019 to Sept. 2019...
722 unduplicated youth have visited Rosie’s Place
1,397 Warm Meals have been served
21,734 snacks/drinks have been given out
2,883 items of clothing have been taken by youth
20,155 hygiene items have been given out
5,321 bednights have been used in the shelter

Rosie’s Shelter Services provides 24 hour services to young adults through: 

Daytime Drop-in Center: available 7 days a week, for those 12-24 years old, where they can access crisis intervention, food, clothing, basic needs, hygiene supplies, take a shower, do laundry, first aid and 1:1 case management to help them identify and work towards goals of self-sufficiency and sustainability. During the week staff provide workshops supporting, independent living skills (financial literacy, cooking, cleaning, healthy decision making, healthy relationships), drivers test practice, special interests of youth, and pro-social development.

Young Adult Shelter: available 7 days a week/365 year offering overnight stays for young adults experiencing homelessness that are 18-24 years old. Crisis intervention, food, hygiene, basic needs, first aid and 1:1 case management available for this program as well.

Street Outreach: available 7 days a week, meeting with and seeking out youth in the community who may not be ready to access services in a brick and mortar building. Teams walking the Olympia downtown corridor with hygiene supplies, snacks, providing crisis intervention, socks, water, first aid supplies, NARCAN and referral information for services they may benefit from. Street Outreach connects with youth where they are at, and connects with local organizations for partnerships to benefit all participants receiving services in all Rosie’s Shelter Services programs. Street outreach provides 1:1 case management with young folks working towards and identifying goals with youth to support self-sufficiency and sustainability. 

If you donate:
$30.00 - You buy 80 pairs of hand warmers
$50.00 - You will buy 288 toothbrushes with toothpaste
$65.00 - You will buy a rainy/warm outfit for a youth
$100.00 - You will buy snacks to hand out to youth
$200.00 - You will buy blankets to hand out to youth at night when they can’t get into the shelter because it is too full.
$500.00 - You will buy Rosie’s Place groceries for the week.

These are some of our biggest needs during the next few months and your monetary donation gives CYS buying power to receive more items and at a discounted price.

SAVE THE DATE
Have a Heart For Kids Breakfast
February 14, 2020
7:00 a.m.
Hotel RL

CYS is currently looking for table captains. If you would like to be a table captain or need more information about being a table captain please email Sr. Development Associate Megan Lobdell at mlobdell@communityyouthservices.org

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To find out more on how to sponsor the event please email Development Director Lynsi Polanco at lpolanco@communityyouthservices.org

United Way Day of Caring
Several CYS employees took part in the United Way of Thurston County Day of Caring on Sept. 27. They completed “tree LC” on spruce, cedar, pine, and other trees that line the Chehalis Western Trail near 67th Ave Trailhead off Yelm Highway with the “Green Team” leadership from the trail’s non-profit association. Our team worked with teams from WSECU, Target and International Paper.