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Friends of Youth & City of Redmond Present:

March 2017

Homeless Youth Awareness Month

The City of Redmond has partnered with Friends of Youth for over 30 years, funding a range of programs including shelter, outreach and housing support services for young people experiencing homelessness. No young person chooses to be homeless, but with support and caring of our community they can move to stability and success.



Steve's Story of Stability and Success

Steve came to Friends of Youth in June 2015 seeking shelter and a fresh start. Steve had struggled with drug addiction and sobriety. Staying in shelter at the Landing, he enrolled with a case manager to help find stable housing. Steve also had a lot of debt that he had accumulated over the last couple of years that was giving him a lot of anxiety. Steve and his case manager identified his goals and started working together right away. They collected his entire "past due" bills and created a plan to pay his debts.

Steve then concentrated on finding housing, and within a couple of months was placed at our supported housing program in Kirkland. With stable housing, Steve has been able to maintain near full-time work in construction and landscaping and save a considerable amount of money to put towards getting rid of his debt once and for all. He is poised to take then next steps to the future he envisions for himself.

What can you do?

Friends of Youth needs supplies for our shelters and housing programs. Every item donated goes a long way in helping provide the most comfortable and stable environment for families. You might also consider donating your services. Everything from legal services to haircuts to healthy dinners are needed.

**If a youth you know needs help, please call Friends of Youth to get information, resources and guidance.
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4 Easy Ways YOU Can Take Action

Wednesday March 1, 2017 Celebrating Longer Hours... of Drop In!

Join Friends of Youth and City of Redmond Council Member Hank Margeson as we celebrate the expansion of our drop in program, funded by the City of Redmond as well as the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Issaquah and Kirkland.

Wednesday March 15, 2017 Celebration of Youth

Join Friends of Youth for our 12th annual Celebration of Youth at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue featuring First Lady Trudi Inslee and our amazing youth.

Wednesday March 29, 2017 Lunch & Learn

Join us for lunch and learn about success stories and how your dollars and time make a big impacts on our youth.

All Month

Help us meet the need of our homeless youth by donating via Amazon. Rather make a cash donation? Give online at: friendsofyouth.org/donatenow.aspx

For more information on these events contact jackie@friendsofyouth.org