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Company Affiliation:  Yale University

Type of Organization:  Youth Development Programs
Mission Statement:  Youth Continuum prevents and addresses youth homelessness
Impact Statement:  Youth Continuum envisions a society where all youth are guaranteed a healthy and productive future. We believe that every young person is capable of strengthening our community as compassionate and resourceful members of society.
In a given year, Youth Continuum(...See Profile for more information)

Full-time Staff:  42
Volunteers:  15
(excludes part-time staff)

A Great Opportunity

In 2020 Youth Continuum will begin construction of the State's only youth-specific overnight program for homeless youth. Partnering with students and professionals from Yale and Harvard Universities, Youth Continuum will open a combined homeless youth drop-in and counseling center with our Y2Y New Haven overnight program. Estimated to cost approximately $4 million, we have already secured $3.25 million in State bonding funds. Our annual operating expenses will be approximately $500,000, of which we have raised over $150,000 already. This critical project will help homeless youth have a safe, supportive environment where they can stay for up to 90 days while agency staff and student volunteers work with guests to identify long-term housing solutions as well as make connections to local community organizations to support their long-term success. Getting homeless youth off the streets and into a safe environment is critical due to the increased risks associated with youth homelessness. Below are some of the statistics showing the risk to youth who remain homeless:

- Runaway and homeless youth experience rape and assault rates 2 to 3 times higher than the general population of youth. (Robertson & Toro, 1998)
- More than one third of homeless youth engage in survival sex - trading sex for food and/or a place to stay. (Ray, 2006)
- Homeless youth are 7 times as likely to die from AIDS and 16 times as likely to be diagnosed with HIV as the general youth population. (Ray, 2006)
- About 50% of street youth have had a pregnancy experience compared to about 33% living in shelters. Less than 10% of housed youth have had a pregnancy experience. (Greene & Ringwalt, 1998)
- Homeless youth are 3 times more likely to use marijuana and 18 times more likely to use crack cocaine than non-homeless youth. (Ray, 2006)
- Youth living on their own are at a higher risk for anxiety disorders, depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), suicide attempts and other health problems due to the enhanced exposure to violence. (HCH Clinicians’ Network, 2000)
- Minority and LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning) young people are at a particular disadvantage and disproportionately represented in the homeless youth population. While the U.S. Census identifies 11.8% of Connecticut’s population and 34.5% of New Haven’s population as Black, 66% of YC’s homeless youth self-identify as Black at intake. Since 2015, the racial/ethnic breakdown of YC youth intakes has been 66% Black/African American; 16% Hispanic/Latino; 8% multi-racial; 8% White; and 2% other. Similarly, while LGBTQ youth make up 7% of the general youth population, they comprise as high as 40% of the homeless youth population nationally.

A Great Opportunity Ending Date  Dec 31 2020
Programs
Supportive Housing
Emergency Shelters
Street Outreach/Intake Office
Access Center
Therapeutic Group Homes

Projected Revenue: $0.00
Projected Expenses: $0.00

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