МН new horizons July 2023 - June 2024

Dear Community,

In a recent conversation, one of our Case Managers shared a text message from a Young Adult with me. The message read "I feel like nobody ever sees the effort I put into doing the things I need to do to make my life smoother. I really do appreciate you sooooo much for being there for me through all of the hard times." Reading that message, I was struck by the resilience, hopefulness, and togetherness on display. I was proud of our Case Manager for their work walking alongside this young person, but I was also struck by the spirit of the Young Adult who sent the message.

In the face of circumstances that could easily give way to despair, this young person had the presence of mind to remember that they are not alone. They are supported by a Case Manager who can be an advocate, friend, coach, and mentor in equal measure. But they are also surrounded by a community that has committed itself to ending homelessness, one young person at a time.

And while I'm grateful and proud for the work that our community does every day, I'm also mindful that there is more to be done. New Horizons served more young adults than ever before in 2024. 550 young people accessed our Day Programs this year and 203 young adults secured permanent housing with the support of our Case Management team. Each of those numbers is an all-time high.

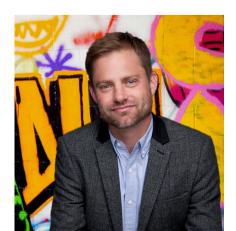
To help meet this increasing demand for services, we renovated our facilities, added staff, and completed the addition of five overnight 'pods' that will provide shelter, safety, and privacy for young adults experiencing homelessness. In the year ahead, we expect those changes to empower us to serve more young adults with the same level of compassion and care that young people have come to expect from the New Horizons community.

To every donor, every volunteer, and every person who prayed, meal prepped, donated clothes, gave to support young people, or did any one of a million other things to strengthen our community this year: thank you. Together we are building a transformational community anchored in hope.

With gratitude,

Robert Struct

Rob Stewart



OUR MISSION: ENDING HOMELESSNESS, ONE YOUNG PERSON AT A TIME.

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YA accessed one of our services.

Each program offers a touchpoint through which young people learn about New Horizons for the first time. Each program allows an opportunity to build a relationship, set goals, and empower young people on their journey toward permanent stability.

PROGRAMS

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219 YA stayed in the Nest on 3rd shelter. Overnight shelter offers a 35-bed low-barrier space that reduces obstacles young people must navigate to access safety and stability each night. Each space is a private "pod" for an individual.

350 YA accessed day programming.

Drop-in service provides access to basic needs support, meals, community, and services focused on social and emotional development. Young people can access pet and behavioral health clinics weekly.

22 YA completed an apprenticeship.

The four-month paid working opportunity includes on-site job mentoring, employment placement services, and classes for financial literacy and job material preparation.

261 YA utilized case management.

Case Managers partner with clients to secure housing referrals and placements, obtain proof of identification, and facilitate connections to mental health counseling, addiction treatment, and medical services. "It's a lot of mental work to wake up and realize, 'I am in a shelter'. Just give grace because you don't know how it is if you've never been in a shelter."

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Alex's Story

Alex's mother passed away from pancreatic cancer when he was 17.

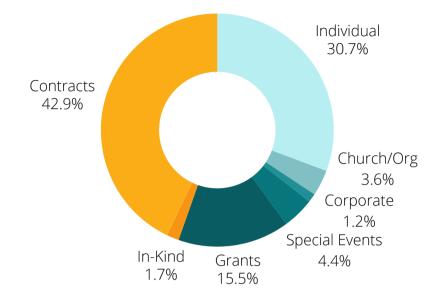
She had adopted him when he was nineyears-old, and instilled a strong family structure after a life of moving around in the foster care system. When his mother passed, Alex found himself bouncing around again, this time between his aunts and his grandmother.

His grandmother eventually told him he couldn't stay, resulting in a long stent of homelessness. His brother encouraged him to reconnect with his biological mom in Washington. He reached out and the two became great friends while he stayed with her and continued to seek long-term stability. After his friend told him that New Horizons was the best shelter to go to, he decided to give it a try.

Since walking through our doors for the first time, Alex has found housing, completed an apprenticeship in day program, and found his passion. His dream is to advocate for young people who have experienced instability the way New Horizons advocated for him. His time as an apprentice showed him how something you love doesn't have to feel like a job, and we are so inspired by all of the progress he has made!

While he seeks a car and a license for more independence, his primary goal is to eventually return to New Horizons as a full-time staff member, and we hope to see him in the future!









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