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Inspire Young People Experiencing Homelessness to Achieve the Future They Dream Of!

Coon Rapids, Minnesota – May 23, 2019 - Please join HOPE 4 Youth at our 3rd *Inspiring HOPE Luncheon* to support young people experiencing homelessness right here in our community. This is your opportunity to learn more about the work HOPE 4 Youth is doing to inspire young people – through our current programs as well as our new innovative prevention programs - to move past their status of homeless and achieve the future that they have always dreamed of.

The Inspiring HOPE Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 11th, at Edinburgh USA in Brooklyn Park. The luncheon is free to attend thanks to the generosity of our sponsors – ABRA Autobody & Glass, Jim Weinzetl, Life Fitness, Connexus Energy, KARE 11, Brooklyn Park Rotary, Vibrant Reality / Fairway Mortgage, and Thrivent Financial North Central Associates. Attendees will be given an opportunity to make a financial gift at the end of the hour.

We're thrilled that KARE 11's very own Rena Sarigianopoulos will emcee the luncheon, as well as have the privilege of introducing, to the audience, young people whose lives have been changed by HOPE 4 Youth and presenting the Inspiring HOPE Awards to those in our community who have truly changed the lives of homeless youth and those at risk of becoming homeless.

This year's Inspiring HOPE Award recipients are:

- Business and Their Customers — ABRA Autobody & Glass
- Civic Group – Spring Lake Park Lions
- Education Partner – Anoka Middle School for Arts
- Elected Official – Sheriff James Stuart, Anoka County Sheriff
- Foundation – Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
- Fundraising Group – HOPE 4 Youth Community Impact Team
- Government Official – Jerry Streich, Fire Chief & Emergency Management Director, City of Andover
- HOPE Place Family – Dave and Polly Mitchell of Heartland Tire
- Individual Fundraiser – Jim Weinzetl
- Service Provider – Anoka-Hennepin ECFE
- Volunteer Family – Becky and Ray Kirch

If you'd like to attend, please register [online](http://www.hope4youthmn.org/inspiring-hope-luncheon) (www.hope4youthmn.org/inspiring-hope-luncheon) or complete the table form [here](#). You can register as a table of 10, partial table or individual.

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About HOPE 4 Youth

HOPE 4 Youth, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, serves youth experiencing homelessness by providing hot meals, hot showers, warm clothing, food and hygiene products, laundry facilities, computer and internet access, locked storage for personal items, and case management; meeting their health needs at our on-site clinic, HOPE Clinic, as well as the needs of young parents through HOPE 4 New Parents; secure housing for them through our Housing Navigation program and at HOPE Place, our transitional housing facility; assist them with employment and educational opportunities through our Opening Doors program; offer a spiritually-based program through HOPE TreeHouse; and provide basic resources and referrals through outreach on the streets and in schools. In 2019, HOPE 4 Youth launched innovative programming aimed at preventing youth from becoming homeless and showing up at the Drop-In Center's doors as an unaccompanied, young adult. HOPE 4 Youth also operates hope's closet, a resale boutique filled high-quality, new and gently-used women's clothing, shoes and accessories, small household decor and gift items with 100% of the profit benefiting HOPE 4 Youth. For more information, please visit HOPE4YouthMN.org or contact Kristin VanHeel at kvanheel@hope4youthmn.org.

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