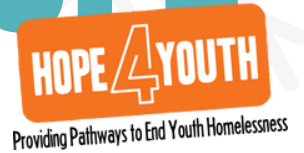


# SHARE *The* GIFT *of* HOPE



Happy Holiday Season! We wish you joy, health, and peace as we close out another year. As 2025 approaches, we are reaching out with our Annual Appeal. We are honored to share how we turned generosity into HOPE for the youth in our community who are at risk or currently experiencing homelessness.

More than 13,300 young people in Minnesota will experience homelessness this year alone. At HOPE 4 Youth, we are seeing an estimated 30% increase in our youth visits in 2024. Not only are the number of youth walking through our doors increasing, but the number of parenting youth needing support is growing. In partnership with you, we can provide meaningful pathways and give HOPE to the youth we serve.

**Together, we can change lives and end youth homelessness.**

**“Who will be there for me when I have no one?”, “How will I support my family when I unexpectedly lose my job?”, “Where will I go when I need food for the week?”**

For many of the youth we serve, the answer has become HOPE 4 Youth. The young people walking into our HOPE 4 Youth Center or living at HOPE Place each have unique experiences. Some have aged out of the foster care system, others are unable to find affordable housing, many are dealing with mental health issues, and some have faced adverse childhood situations such as abuse or neglect. HOPE 4 Youth meets young people where they are by providing pathways out of homelessness.

**Will you share The Gift of HOPE with youth like Aspen, Riley & Collin, and Nevin?**

*Hope is* being supported when a loved one passes.



Aspen has been coming to HOPE 4 Youth for roughly nine months. When she first came to us, her only parent had recently passed away. She was all alone; she had no relatives or close friends to turn to for help. She was left alone in a house with no electricity, heat, or resources for food. She learned of HOPE 4 Youth and immediately began building a relationship with the team. Through her Case Manager, she learned about a local emergency shelter where she could stay short term. She continued to meet with her Case Manager at HOPE 4 Youth and slowly became more involved at the H4Y Center. She joined a group where she discovered art is a healthy outlet for her. This, along with therapy, has supported her battle with anxiety. Life is moving positively forward for Aspen as she recently moved into a group home and is finding healthy ways to cope and has built a support system.

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# Hope is there when you need a bridge.

Riley and Collin are a young family with a baby girl. Their journey was not as they expected. With the loss of a job, they found themselves unhoused. They were focused on doing what was best for their daughter but needed support to get through an unexpected time. They found HOPE 4 Youth and received invaluable resources to help them in the moment and to re-establish their start as a family. They qualified for housing support with HOPE 4 Youth and stabilized their lives. Six months later, they were both working, and life began to feel more on track. Riley and Collin worked with HOPE 4 Youth to build a bridge to overcome unexpected circumstances. They continue to lean into HOPE 4 Youth for case management and skill development.



# Hope is a community member willing to take a chance on you.



Before Nevin came to HOPE 4 Youth he was staying with friends. Eventually, he ran out of places to stay, leaving him nowhere to go. He found shelter in the woods, abandoned buildings, and even under a playground slide to get out of the rain. Through his journey, he found refuge in emergency shelters. He soon learned of HOPE 4 Youth where he worked with a Case Manager and received basic needs services. He later had the opportunity to move into HOPE Place. While at HOPE Place he worked with our partner at the Anoka County Training Center who connected him to a local business that hired him. He had a rocky start as he learned to navigate this new job. Nevin's supervisor saw potential in him and knew with the right guidance he would become successful. He has now been working there for five years, can support himself and has his own apartment. Nevin is so thankful his supervisor was willing to take a chance on him and that HOPE 4 Youth was able to support him along the way.

HOPE 4 Youth is able to fulfill our mission through your partnership and support. The opportunity to share The Gift of HOPE with the young people walking through our doors is an honor. As the year winds down and the holiday season begins, I hope you'll consider donating through one of the ways listed below. We promise to be good stewards of your generosity while providing HOPE to the young people we support.

In unending gratitude,

LaChelle Williams  
Executive Director

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