



HOPE LIGHTS THE WAY

As 2025 comes to a close and we look ahead to a new year, we wish you a season filled with joy, health, and peace. This time of year invites reflection and gratitude. **We are deeply thankful for you and the community of supporters who make our work possible.**

We're reaching out with our Annual Appeal to share how your generosity continues to transform lives. Each year, we are honored to witness how our partners, like you, help empower young people on their journey out of homelessness.

The need is greater than ever before. On any given night, more than 6,000 youth in MN will experience homelessness. **So far in 2025, we are seeing a 47% increase in youth utilizing our services.** We cannot do it alone, but we are confident that -

Together, we can Light The Way!

Each young person walking through our doors is facing a variety of obstacles, whether it's **mental health barriers** like Billisse, **aging out of foster care** like Adrian, or **unexpected housing instability** like parents Aria and Gunnar. HOPE 4 Youth meets young people where they are by offering basic needs, housing, education, employment, and well-being resources to support them in building a stable foundation.

Your support ensures youth like Billisse, Adrian, Aria, and Gunnar will experience **hope, safety, and stability.**

Will you help us Light the Way for more youth?

Billisse faced various mental health challenges and other barriers that led to repeated hospitalizations. After taking a break from college, she re-enrolled, but the added pressure of schoolwork became overwhelming to the extent that she attempted to take her own life. During her recovery, she discovered HOPE 4 Youth (H4Y) and began using resources at the H4Y Center. There, she heard about HOPE Place, applied, was approved, and moved into the transitional housing facility. **"It changed my life,"** she said. At HOPE Place, Billisse worked hard to take care of herself, maintain her job, save for a car, and became an advocate for ending homelessness. After more than a year at HOPE Place, she shared, **"I'm doing very well now, I'm on my medication, and I regularly attend therapy. I hope to stay on this track and not waste the tools given to me from HOPE 4 Youth."** After completing her two years at HOPE Place, **Billisse proudly moved into her own apartment, ready for her next chapter.**



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BILLISSE SHARE
HER STORY**



Giving Options:

- ☐ **Monthly**
- ☐ **One-Time Gift**
 - ☐ Check (Enclosed)
 - ☐ Credit Card
- ☐ I want to be contacted about other giving options.

A gift of stock/mutual bond shares will provide life-changing support while offering you a tax deduction and other financial benefits.

Yes! I'd like to help change the trajectory of young lives!

- ☐ **\$100** Provides food and hygiene items to meet basic needs of a youth for a week.
- ☐ **\$250** Provides childcare needs including diapers, wipes, and hygiene items.
- ☐ **\$500** Provides workforce resources such as clothing, transportation, vital documents, etc.
- ☐ **\$1,000** Stabilizes and empowers youth through one-on-one Case Management.
- ☐ **\$2,500** Provides a youth with the cost of entering stable housing.
- ☐ **\$5,000** Provides youth support services to assist with overall well-being & stability.
- ☐ My gift of \$ _____ provides pathways to end youth homelessness.

Adrian was connected to HOPE 4 Youth through his high school social worker. He had aged out of the foster care system and was temporarily staying with a friend's family. Adrian regularly visited the H4Y Center to utilize services and meet with a Youth Coordinator. Through these meetings, **they were able to transform his temporary living situation into a Host Home.** Our Youth Coordinator worked with the host family and Adrian to set expectations and determine support needed. While living there, Adrian graduated from high school and began working full-time with the plan to eventually support himself. A few months later, **Adrian saved enough to get a place of his own and is now feeling hopeful for his future.**



Aria & Gunnar began utilizing HOPE 4 Youth services when Aria found out she was pregnant. The couple would visit our H4Y Center almost every night for dinner and **often grabbed clothing, food, and hygiene items.** While awaiting the baby's arrival, the couple received a three-day notice from their landlord stating their home was being sold, so they needed to move out. Aria and Gunnar worked with a Youth Coordinator to find housing within their budget. They were able to find a home and prepare for their baby. HOPE 4 Youth was able to **support them with diapers, wipes, baby food, and clothing** as they approached the due date. Shortly after their daughter was born, the couple arrived at our H4Y Center still wearing their hospital bracelets, eager to introduce her to the staff! **They continuously share how thankful they are for HOPE 4 Youth's team and their support in helping light the way for their family.**

HOPE 4 Youth continues to make a difference because of you.

Your partnership and support make it possible for us to fulfill our mission and continue to Light The Way for youth experiencing homelessness. It is a profound honor to walk alongside each youth and you on this journey of spreading hope.

As the year comes to a close and the season of giving begins, we invite you to make a gift through one of the options below. **Your generosity fuels transformation, and we promise to be good stewards of every dollar entrusted to us.**

With deep and enduring gratitude,

LaChelle Williams
Executive Director

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