

HOPE 4 Youth January Board Update

February 1, 2023

Happy 2023! One month down.... Eleven to go! We are thrilled to continue our positive momentum into our new year. We shared much in our board meeting; I will simply highlight some of the priority points for our board members' unable to join as well as to provide a reminder on the focus and priorities for 2023!

New Facility – where our future dream lives!

- HF148/HF149 and SF214/SF215 continues to live in the committee hearings. Our ask of \$8million would help secure a strong future for HOPE 4 Youth
- I am in the process of meeting with city and county officials. My meeting with Commissioner Schulte was the absolute highlight of my week. Many more upcoming meetings will help us to understand who we have for advocates and friends.
- I met with project manager firms, real estate brokers, and SME in the building development space. Our vision of a 10,000-15,000 SF facility is on par with a comprehensive campaign of \$8M - \$10M.
- We need to identify SME to join a building committee. We need expertise in Capital Investment, Project Management, Facility Management (ad hoc member), and NP Property Development. Please elevate names to myself or Steve.

Board and Administrative updates – the behind the scenes work elevating our mission!

- Thank you for options for our Board 1:1 conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to hear directly from you regarding committee work, your interest and connections pertaining to our operational work and our new facility work, and for me to answer any questions you have. Thank you for sharing dates that work for you.
- Our 2023 budget is being shared across our H4Y teams. We want everyone to understand the WHY regarding visions, plans, and decisions.
- Our new Youth Advocate focused on outreach will join the team on Monday Feb 6.

Program and mission engagement – building and empowering our youth is what we do!

- Our 2022 youth engagement and outcomes are impressive. 415 youth were served through nearly 3000 visits to our Drop-In Center. 27 youth experience HOPE Place as a home. 65% of our youth actively engage in case management which is what propels them into self-sufficiency. 69% of the youth we serve are youth of color. Most of the youth we serve are 18-24 with only seven under the age of 18.
- We are positively transitioning to the new model of our Sr. Program Manager, Mica implementing the HOPE 4 Youth culture of partnership with our youth.
- We are interviewing for two open positions in the program team. Please share [these job opportunities](#) with your networks.

Advancement connection – a partnership-mindset is key in our outreach!

- Nikki shared a high-level vision of our Fundraising plan. The word of the year is STEWARDSHIP!
- We have cleaned up and better organized our revenue categories. Our top three donor categories are 1. Individuals, 2. Corporations, and 3. Civic and Faith. We will continue to commission our contract grant writer Katie but believe our opportunity to enhance our fundraising will be found in loving our partners.
- Our Advancement Team is full. Mari, our Community Engagement Coordinator is already in the community making friends. Abby, our Marketing and Special Events Coordinator is working on A Night 4 HOPE auction items and the creation of our 2022 Impact Report. We are thrilled with the talent they bring.

This is it for now... THANK YOU for all you do to amplify our mission. Together we are changing lives!