

HOPE 4 Youth October Board Update

November 2024

We made it successfully through the first month of Q4! From all of us at HOPE 4 Youth, we wish you an amazing start to your holiday season. THANK YOU for being part of our mission!

HOT topics on the horizon...

- **Board leadership** - Please share your interest in the exploration of a leadership role on the board, open roles include Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please send interest to Exec Committee and/or LaChelle by Nov 15. We will be voting for and confirming our 2025 slate of officers at our Annual Meeting on December 2nd. You can also share interest with LaChelle at your Board 1:1.
- **Please share the electronic version of our Annual Appeal with your networks** – Our Annual Appeal has a very intentional message this year connecting the reader to each of the three stories we are highlighting. Please see our electronic [link here](#) to share.
- **Partnership with Hope for the Community** – We are thrilled to share we believe we have an answer to our food shortage issue. We are making headway with a new relationship with Hope for the Community. We will fully update you at the 12/2 board meeting, but suffice it to say, we believe our issue of food insecurity has been solved through this developing partnership.
- **Building HOPE Project** – I have been engaged in several connections all of which continue to point to three key cities – Blaine, Fridley, and believe it or not, Coon Rapids. I will share a comprehensive update at the 12/2 board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

NOV. 21 **Out of the Cold**
4:30 – 7:30 PM
Drive through donation event to raise funds and collect highly needed items.

WHERE? NEW THIS YEAR! Two drop-off sites.

Location #1: HOPE 4 Youth Center in Anoka
Location #2: Anoka County Sheriff's Office in Andover

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

- Drive through and drop off highly needed funds & items
- Create a fundraising page, set a goal, share, and earn H4Y items!
- Host a donation drive!
- Become a sponsor!
- Donate!

✚ **Advance updates** - Join us where you can. Please note a change to our *Out of the Cold* event. We will be expanding our donation opportunity to include our HOPE 4 Youth Center in Anoka and the Anoka Cty Sheriff's Office. Please reach out to Nikki if you would like to join us to thank the community at either location. Our Clay's 4 Youth event drew roughly 190 attendees. We appreciate the work put into this event. Our net revenue for the event was lower than anticipated, but the committee has already met to discuss enhancements for next year.

✚ **Program progress** – Our youth outreach efforts continue to require more time and talent from our team. Our investment in mental health partnerships continues to pay off. A special thanks to Pastor Paul for supporting the team when one of our youth's 4-month-old twins died of SIDs. We deal with real-life issues on a daily basis.

✚ **Administrative connections** – We are working on the mitigation process for our Risk Management Plan at the management team level and will finish by Q1 2025. If you have questions, please reach out. We are wrapping up the 2025 proposed budget and will share that with you at the 12/2 board meeting.

With this, I will wish you a wonderful Holiday Season!