

HOPE 4 Youth July Board Update

It was great to be with you on Monday! I will recap just a couple follow up items.

HOT topics on the horizon...

- **Building HOPE Project** – As shared in our board meeting, we are moving through our due diligence period with positive results day after day! The work we are doing today will shape HOPE 4 Youth's future for every youth walking through our doors.
 - As of Tuesday July 29th, we have exercised a 30-day extension period pertaining to our 8565 Central Ave property closing. As we work through due diligence and bridge loan needs, our appreciation is shared with each of you; thank you for your insight, talent, and expertise.
 - We used our [Building HOPE Project case study](#) to secure the \$8M DEED Grant. Please use and share this document to build awareness and understanding of our expansion need. Our 6000 SF rental facility can no longer provide adequate space for our increased youth numbers and needed resources. Moving into a nearly 12K SF facility will allow us to expand partner engagement, youth resource connection, and so much more.
 - We hope to formally launch our private phase of the *Mission Expansion* element of our comprehensive fundraising campaign. Please share with LaChelle if you have an interest in joining the campaign committee, know someone we should ask, or have potential donors who you want on our short list. Please share by 8.31.25.
- **September 18th Board Retreat** – Please continue to ideate *Thought Leader Interview* categories or individuals who HOPE 4 Youth should connect with in preparation of our 2027-2029 Strategic Plan work. At the board meeting we brainstormed interview categories; please refer to the board packet for the start of our brainstormed list. If we missed a category or you have thoughts pertaining to specific community groups (i.e. Health Care), please send to LaChelle by 8.31.25. Staff and the Strategic Steering Committee will prepare retreat discussion elements. Be thinking about WHO in each category we need to prioritize; we will finalize at the Board Retreat in September.



Where we need you by August 31st

- ☐ Join our Comprehensive Campaign Committee
- ☐ Recommend philanthropic thought leaders to join the committee
- ☐ Introduce LaChelle to potential donors



SAVE THE DATES

August EVENTS

June - August

Pack the Pantry Summer Challenge
Aiming to collect 100 bags of essential items each week!



Saturday, August 16

Anoka Food Truck Festival • 11 AM - 9 PM
Enjoy delicious food, meet our team, & learn more about H4Y!



Monday, August 25th

Heartland Tire Classic • 12 PM
11th Annual Golf Tournament hosted by Heartland Tire
at Bunker Hills Golf Course



✚ **Advancement updates** – We are in our final month of packing the pantry - Please share this link with your networks; [Pack the Pantry](#). Please share the [Darkest Night 4K](#) event link with your friends, family, and networks as well; registration is now open!

✚ **Program progress** – Our youth visits continue to exceed any recorded month seeing a 60% increase over last year YTD. Per the board discussion we will further expand details of survey results and research reasons for significant youth increases.

✚ **Administrative connections** – We are expanding H4Y's policies to include AI guidance. Please share any AI best practices from your organizations with Brooke as we develop our plan.

✚ With this, I wish you a wonderful month of August. Please watch for updates on our Building HOPE Project.

In gratitude, LaChelle Williams
please see our [2024 Impact Report](#)