

A BIG CHANCE TO PROVE HIMSELF

When Jordan Rhoades walked through the double doors on the 20th floor of the Fox Tower he could not contain his excitement. He had just interviewed at TMT Development with CEO Tom Moyer and President Vanessa Sturgeon and he knew he got the job. Though the previous hour was certainly one of the most intimidating of his life, he jumped into the air and yelled "YES!" Jordan has come a long way from the trouble he was in just a few months ago, when his parole officer recommended he go to PAVE (Promoting Avenues to Employment), the career training program run by New Avenues.



Jordan needed somebody to take an interest in his future and give him a chance to prove himself because he knew he could do more with his life. He entered PAVE's Advanced Training Academy (ATA) and spent three weeks learning about resume writing, interviewing, appropriate work dress, acceptable business vocabulary, networking, and techniques to advocate for himself in the business world. Many of the classes in the ATA are taught by community business leaders. Trevor Calton, longtime New Avenues volunteer and owner of Pacific NW Capital, spoke to Jordan's class about the importance of networking and began his introduction with stories from his own difficult past. (See "Volunteer Creates Housing Options for Youth" on page 2 to learn more about Trevor's Impact). He wanted to illustrate to the youth that their pasts did not dictate their future, and that if they worked hard they could reach their goals. Jordan heard his message. "Hearing Trevor was a real turning point for me because I realized if he could do it, maybe I could."

Just two days before Jordan finished his training, he learned about an opportunity to apply for a receptionist position at TMT Development. With Trevor's words ringing in his ears, Jordan decided to give it a try and he sent in his resume. Clearly, it paid off!

When Vanessa Sturgeon was asked about her experience with Jordan so far, she smiled and said "He works so hard, is polite and everybody here enjoys working with him. PAVE has been proactive about checking in on Jordan's progress and helping in any way that they can. It has been a wonderful process."

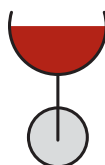
Jordan loves his new job, and is excited to work for a company that he can stay with throughout his professional growth. "I always have different things going on, and I love the variation as well as the security and routine of having a job. I feel very fortunate for the opportunity." Way to go, Jordan!

CLASSIC WINES AUCTION HAS A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

We would like to thank the board and staff of the Classic Wines Auction for selecting New Avenues for Youth as one of the benefitting charities in their highly successful annual fundraising event for the fourth year in a row. Co-chairs Linda Hickey, Dan Agnew and Mark Miller led the auction through a record breaking year, raising over \$3 million for organizations serving Portland and SW Washington's most at-risk children, youth, and families.

More than 300 volunteers worked the evening of the event and over 800 attendees purchased seats and raised their bid paddles to support the five benefitting charities—New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children, Trillium Family Services, Metropolitan Family Services and YWCA of Clark County. New Avenues sincerely thanks its many volunteers and supporters for their role in the success of the 2008 auction.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To help youth reach their fullest potential by offering a continuum of outcome-based services that empower homeless youth to exit street life and that prevent other youth from becoming homeless.

SERVICES OFFERED TO HOMELESS YOUTH

Early Intervention and Prevention
Family Reunification
Education
Career Training
Transitional Housing
Medical Care
Drug and Alcohol Counseling
A Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream PartnerShop

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the fiscal year began in July 2007, 30 youth have earned their GED.
- The New Avenues school was recently established as a State of Oregon GED testing site as part of a pilot project at Portland Public Schools. It is currently the only testing site in the downtown and surrounding west side areas.
- Youth in the drop in center are currently attending therapeutic groups run by the New Avenues case management team, including anger management, healthy relationships, parenting, and life skill building.
- As part of the "College Avenues" program, youth in the New Avenues school received site visits and guided tours to six colleges in six weeks, including: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Pacific University, Portland State University, Lewis and Clark College, and Portland Community College.
- Thanks to the help of volunteer, Laura Finney, New Avenues youth are able to open Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), which are state sponsored savings accounts to which the State provides a 3:1 match for all youth savings for post-secondary education, up to \$3,000 per year for three years.
- New Avenues currently has 16 youth enrolled in post-secondary education.

NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH

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NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH WISH LIST

Clothing & Accessories

Bandanas
Belts
Bras (including larger sizes)
Coats
Exercise gear (shorts, tee shirts, etc.)
Interview clothes (including larger sizes):
dress shirts, ties, slacks, dress socks & shoes
Men's jeans (including larger sizes)
Ponchos—rain gear
Shoe laces
Shoes
Socks
Underwear (larger sizes)
Women's stockings or tights
Dress shoes for women and men—size 8 and up

Household Items & Linens

Blankets
Canned food, non-perishables
Coffee
Cooking knives
Cups and Coffee mugs
Cutting boards
Dishtowels
DVD players
Electric alarm clocks w/cords
George Forman Grills
Hygiene supplies
Kitchen Aid Mixer
Kitchen utensils
Lamps
Laundry baskets
Microwave oven
Movies or Movie rental cards
New razors and shaving cream
New towels (all sizes)
Pillows
Ping pong table
Plates
Pots and pans (Industrial size)
Q-tips
Silverware
Sleeping bags
Tarps
Toasters

Educational Items

Art supplies: crayons, markers, stencils,
color books, glue sticks
Backpacks
Batteries (AA, AAA)
Carabineers
Day Planners/organizers
Drums
Journals
Magazine subscription (teen oriented)
Microphone stand
Musical instruments (guitar & strings)
Notebook and lined paper
Pens and pencils
Resume paper

NEW AVENUES CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Ten years...what a milestone! New Avenues for Youth started more than ten years ago as a drop in center for homeless youth, operated by two employees. Today, it has grown into a multi-faceted organization serving more than 700 youth each year, offering a continuum of services to homeless and at-risk youth, empowering them to build healthy, independent and successful lives. We are proud of how far we have come and are humbled by the support we have received from the Portland community, which has made this growth possible.



On April 16th, we celebrated our 10th anniversary at downtown Portland's University Club with a cocktail reception to honor our board, staff, volunteers and supporters. Jeff Gianola of KOIN-6 news opened and closed the event with remarks about New Avenues' reputation in the community. Mike Hart of Union Bank of California, the event sponsor, spoke about the long relationship between UBOC and New Avenues. Mitch Hornecker, New Avenues' first board president, spoke briefly about some of the many achievements over the past ten years and introduced program alumnae Jeri Kiefel. Jeri shared her experiences of becoming homeless at age 13 and how New Avenues helped her become the confident, successful business woman, caring wife, and mother she is today.



Looking back on the ideas of our founding board members, we are reminded of the hard working people who made this organization possible. Looking towards the future, we see the potential of continued growth and are excited to reach the next stage in our development. Thank you for the role you have played in our organization for the past ten years. We would not be here without our community of staff, supporters, volunteers and friends.

VOLUNTEER CREATES HOUSING OPTIONS FOR YOUTH

Trevor Calton is one of those people... you know, the ones that seem to need no sleep, who are pushed forward by drive and passion, and do more in one day than most of us do in a month? Trevor's passion comes from his past experience as a homeless youth, and he attributes much of his success to people who took a chance on helping him.

Trevor has been volunteering at New Avenues for nearly ten years in varying capacities. From serving holiday meals in our Drop In center to chairing our Employer Advisory Board for PAVE, our career training program, Trevor is always there to add his intelligence and energy to any project. (See "A Big Chance to Prove Himself" on page 1 to learn more about Trevor's impact on our youth.)

In the spring of 2007, Trevor started Pacific NW Capital, pooling a group of partners to invest in commercial real estate. Through his years of work in the industry, he knew that stringent rental rules—good credit and rental history, clean background checks and positive references—would make it difficult for "high-risk" tenants to find a place to live. Realizing the effect this would have on formerly homeless youth looking to live independently, Trevor came up with yet another way to give back. "Rather than have them fight the market with no resources, no credit history or references...I thought I could help them side step these obstacles by waiving the traditional application criteria." In partnership

with his property management firm, Genesis Management, Trevor has provided an apartment for two New Avenues youth, without the requirements of typical rental agreements, giving youth an opportunity to gain independence.

Through Genesis, Trevor checks in with the youth twice each month and so far, this experiment has yielded great results! The youth always pay their rent on time, and have been great neighbors to those around them. As an added bonus, Trevor is saving 10% of their monthly rent to give back to them once they move out to help them in their next stage of living independently.

Despite the many investors in his company, Trevor has had no problem convincing them to take some additional risk for the sake of this good work. He knows in the end this strategy will pay off. When asked about next steps for the program Trevor says, "I would really like to do this on a larger scale, and we are actively looking for more people out there who are interested in helping. Education and career training are only part of the battle; these young people need permanent housing."



Please contact Bre Gregg at 503-517-3910 if you would like more information about this project, or think you can help Trevor expand his important mission of giving at-risk youth access to housing.

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

More than three years ago we opened a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream PartnerShop in downtown Portland to provide job training and real world work experience for homeless and at-risk youth. Since then, over 100 youth have been trained in the shop to prepare them for future employment.

They learn how to work on a team, the importance of timeliness, and they gain practical work skills that are transferrable to any job. Along the way, they also have fun scooping ice cream for hundreds of customers who now regularly visit the shop for a special treat.

Our PartnerShop is one of many around the world that are owned and operated by community-based nonprofit organizations. Ben & Jerry's waives the standard franchise fee and provides support to help nonprofits like New Avenues operate strong businesses and train and support young people.

Every time we sell an ice cream cone, celebrate a birthday, graduation, or anniversary with one of our ice cream cakes, or cater a corporate event, picnic, conference, or grand opening, we create jobs and wages for homeless and at-risk youth. For many it is their very first paycheck, which is often a life changing experience.

I invite you to visit our scoop shop located at 524 SW Yamhill St. or call 503-546-0450 to learn more about how we can cater your special event. As we say, our Ben & Jerry's ice cream not only tastes good it also does good.



Executive director Ken Cowdery

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOGNIZES NEW AVENUES

In late March, New Avenues welcomed the new U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment and Training Administration, Brent Orrell, to Portland and had the honor of touring him through our downtown facilities. New Avenues is proud to be what the Department of Labor considers to be one of "the best of the best" national programs in assisting youth as they make their transition to employment.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT — ZAK SCOTTON

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Favorite place in Portland: Anywhere on my bike!

Education: BA, International Studies, University of Oregon

Last Stop before New Avenues: Portland Parks and Recreation

Why did you start working for New Avenues: I had a background in recreation and wanted to continue working with youth.

What do you do at New Avenues: I am a residential counselor in the Transitional Housing program.

What do you enjoy about this work: Everyday is different, my co-workers are amazing, and the youth I work with— while sometimes challenging—are fun and always keeping me on my toes.

Where do you see yourself in five years: I will be a teacher at a school that works with at-risk youth.

What is your most memorable moment at New Avenues: I went into a resident's room to see if she was in the house and when I opened the door she was standing with one leg on her bed

doing some intense air guitar to Def Leppard's "Pour Some Sugar on Me." She didn't notice I was there for a couple seconds, and when she did we both cracked up! There are countless moments like this one that have been very memorable.

Hobbies: Cycling, fishing, hiking, camping, brewing, walking.

Last book read: Under the Banner of Heaven, Jon Krakauer

What Zak's supervisor had to say about his contribution to New Avenues: In addition to the several job responsibilities Zak maintains in Transitional Housing, he adds a lightness to the program, which includes varied nicknames for the youth and his co-workers. Zak's natural charm is truly noticed and appreciated by youth and staff alike.



WISH LIST (...CONTINUED)

Miscellaneous Needs

Blank CDs
Board games (with all of the pieces)
Bus passes & tickets
Dog food and treats
Donated meals for 30 people
Flashlights
Lap top computers
Pre-paid phone cards
Staff incentives—dinner on the town, movie and theater tickets, etc.

HOT ITEM!

Digital Camera (new or gently used)

IN THE DETAILS

NEW AVENUES SIGNATURE EVENT MOVED TO NOVEMBER

Legends of Comedy, a very successful (and fun!) fundraising event for New Avenues for Youth, is moving from May to November this year. In years past, we have featured Steve Allen, Rich Little, Jay Leno, Garrison Keillor and most recently, John Oliver, a correspondent from Comedy Central's The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Every year, this sell-out event combines hilarious performances with a successful auction, raising critical funds for New Avenues.

Please plan to join us on November 5, 2008 at the Governor Hotel for another evening of laughs to support New Avenues for Youth.

If you would like to learn more about purchasing tickets or sponsoring a table at this event, please contact Bre Gregg at 503-517-3910 or bgregg@newavenues.org.

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Contact Angela Pratt at apratt@newavenues.org or 503-517-3908 if you would like to be added to our list!

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IN THE LOOP *A Newsletter for Friends of New Avenues for Youth*

NEW AVENUES WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT GENEROUSLY DONATED TO US OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS:

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