From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

What’s the secret to a nonprofit organization reaching its 20th anniversary? A caring, supportive community.

Your commitment to the resilient young people we serve, to creating equitable access to education, employment, and housing, to ending youth homelessness—that’s what got New Avenues for Youth to this important milestone.

After 20 years of delivering services, our successes have been many. The thousands who have exited homelessness, accessed job training, enrolled in college, and embarked on careers. The growth of our social purpose enterprises and supportive housing options. The addition of programming for LGBTQ youth, youth in foster care, and youth involved in sex trafficking. The advances in our workforce development and education services. The continued stability of our drop-in center, case management, and counseling. The list goes on.

But now, more than ever, we are focused on what’s ahead. Our geographic expansion into East Multnomah County—including the opening of our Youth Opportunity Center on the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club campus—represents New Avenues’ increasing focus on prevention, on reaching youth earlier, on stopping homelessness before it starts. This kind of forward thinking will help ensure that, 20 years from now, our most vulnerable are well supported and our community is the inclusive place we know it can be.

In this 2016-2017 annual report, you will read about Jeri, Alex, Meghaan and Ernesto, who received services from New Avenues and have since gone on to great things. They remind us of what’s possible when we believe in young people.

Thank you for your commitment to New Avenues. We wouldn’t be here without you.

In Gratitude,
Sean Suib, LCSW
New Avenues for Youth

New Avenues for Youth is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention and intervention of youth homelessness. Since 1997, our programs and services have impacted more than 20,000 young people as they work to overcome barriers, pursue their goals, and realize their potential. From supporting basic needs like meals and counseling to providing opportunities for education, job training, employment, and housing, we meet youth where they are—and help them get where they want to go.

Our mission is to work in partnership with our community to prevent youth homelessness and provide homeless and at-risk young people with the resources and skills needed to lead healthy, productive lives.

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It’s hard to imagine that as a young teen—younger than her daughter is now—this amazing mom of two was living on the streets of Portland.

But that was where Jeri found herself after being kicked out of her home at 13 years old. Scared and alone, she came to New Avenues, where our case managers helped her find a path forward. She became one of the first residents of our Transitional Housing program; living in a safe and supportive place, she was able to finish school and complete our job-readiness training program. Jeri has worked for Providence Medical Center for the past fifteen years, and is a dedicated volunteer with New Avenues.

“Being happy and comfortable in my life now has allowed me to come back and volunteer with New Avenues... it’s really an amazing circle to have completed.”

Through our Transitional Housing program, we provided 7,136 bed nights, keeping many young people safe and off the streets.

Our case management team helped 149 youth access wraparound supports and develop plans for achieving their goals.

More than 929 volunteers, like Jeri, contributed nearly 5,000 hours of service to New Avenues.
Our Alternative Education Center became an official GED testing site, and 22 youth earned GEDs—more than double the number the previous year!

624 youth received meals, clothing, and other supports from our Drop-In Day Services Center.

Alex is one of the most sought-after barbers at Champions Barbershop. But 10 years ago, he was a teenager looking for a warm meal and a safe place off the streets.

His family had lost their home, and Alex was left to provide for himself at 18. Our Drop-In Day Services Center offered him meals, clothing, and safe place to go. He accessed our job training and education programs, completed his GED and was encouraged to pursue his dreams of being a barber. Now, Alex is not only successfully employed, but he’s known for giving back to the community, offering free haircuts to teens who can’t afford them.

“I never thought I’d be at a point like this...I’m making a good living and I’m looked on in such a positive light. It’s pretty exciting and I feel like there’s more good things to come.”

2002
KOWS for KIDS becomes one of Portland’s most successful fundraising events, bringing in more than $2.1 million for non-profits including New Avenues.

2004
New Avenues opens its first Ben & Jerry’s PartnerShop in downtown Portland.

2005
New Avenues launches a capital campaign and moves into its new location at SW 9th and Oak.
Conflicts at home pushed Meghaan into living on the streets of Portland.

She came to New Avenues determined to find a job and stable housing. Once she completed our Job Readiness Training program, Meghaan began working in our social purpose enterprise Ben & Jerry’s PartnerShop, where she gained the skills and confidence to pursue her goals. She now has a full-time job as a deputy auditor for the City of Portland, her own place to live, and a new puppy.

“The biggest misconception people have is that everyone at New Avenues is a homeless street kid who doesn’t want to do anything with their lives. They think these youth are looking for a handout, not a hand up. I wish people would know that most youth just want to make a better life for themselves.”

Youth received 232 job and internship placements through our workforce development program PAVE and our four social purpose enterprises.

87% of youth found employment and/or enrolled in post-secondary education after working in our social purpose enterprises.

2010
The Rotary Club of Portland chooses our workforce development program PAVE as its Centennial Partner.

2011
Our second Ben & Jerry’s PartnerShop opens on the campus of Portland State University.

2013
Screen-printing business New Avenues INK—our third social enterprise—opens.

2014
New Avenues launches PDX-Connect, our program for youth transitioning from foster care into adulthood.
After coming out to his family, Ernesto was no longer welcome in his home.

At 18, he came to New Avenues where he got the support he needed to build his confidence and skills. Stably housed, he completed our job-readiness training program, found employment in the mayor’s office, and has since become a recognized advocate for LGBTQ youth, receiving the National LGBTQ Task Force’s Youth Leadership Award. He is pursuing his studies in social work and is Concordia University’s first out, gay, immigrant student body president in the school’s history.

“When you become homeless, one of the first things you really need is for someone to see you as a human being—you don’t get that a lot when you’re living on the streets. New Avenues saw me—they’re really like a family.”

2015
The Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC) becomes a part of New Avenues’ programs, expanding prevention/intervention services for LGBTQ youth.

2016
Unity House opens, Oregon’s first-ever housing program for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.

2017
New Avenues breaks ground on the Youth Opportunity Center in East Multnomah County and on New Meadows, a housing program for youth transitioning from foster care.

313 youth received services from our Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC).

We launched Unity House II, our second housing program for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.

The Bridge 13 community education program facilitated 313 LGBTQ equity trainings.

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Looking ahead...

We continue to make progress toward the strategic goals of extending our geographic service reach, investing more in prevention and early intervention, innovating new programming, and deepening our service impact, including these major developments:

**The New Avenues Youth Opportunity Center** on the Boys & Girls Club campus in East Multnomah County—where we are delivering programming for young people experiencing homelessness and housing instability—will open in Winter 2018.

**The New Meadows Dorothy Lemelson House**, a 15-unit housing complex for recent alums of the foster-care system that will be connected to Bridge Meadows’ multigenerational community, will open in Spring 2018.

293 youth received services from our PDX-Connect program as they prepared to transition from foster care into adulthood.

200 educational opportunities to the community.
Financials

Revenue and Support

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Net Operating Income (Before Depreciation) $573,580
Depreciation Expense $308,702

Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activities $264,878
Investment Returns $267,881

Net Assets (Beginning of Year) $8,539,490
Net Assets (End of Year) $9,072,249
Change in Net Assets $532,759

The positive change in net assets is the result of raising restricted funds in FY2017 to support activities in FY2018, including service expansion into East Multnomah County and the construction of the Youth Opportunity Center.

Expense Allocation

- Program Services: 82%
- Management & General: 10%
- Fundraising: 8%
Thank you for helping end youth homelessness.

Whether you’ve given your time, talent or treasure, YOU are the reason thousands of young people in our community have been empowered to exit or avoid homelessness, realize their potential and pursue their goals. Thank you for serving meals, tutoring and mentoring youth, attending our fundraising events, serving on our boards, celebrating youth success and sharing our commitment to ending youth homelessness.
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