NEW AVENUES for Youth

ANNUAL REPORT 2017–2018
From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

New Avenues’ founding in 1997 was a crucial response to the growing numbers of young people experiencing homelessness in downtown Portland. But after more than 20 years, what we know is this: to fully address the issue, we must do more to reach young people earlier, preventing homelessness before it starts.

That’s why prevention is a strategic focus for New Avenues— in fact, more than half of our budget is now devoted to it.

And for good reason: the marginalization and displacement of vulnerable populations in the Portland area resulting from gentrification, rising housing costs, and other economic pressures have dramatically increased housing instability and homelessness for young people in the region and, in particular, East Multnomah County. By extending our geographic service reach, by supporting younger youth who are facing barriers to success, we are delivering on our commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive community—one that cares for all of its citizens.

In this 2017-18 annual report, you will read about exciting new developments in New Avenues’ prevention and intervention activities—from the opening of our Youth Opportunity Center in East Multnomah County and the Dorothy Lemelson House/New Meadows program in North Portland, to expanded services for LGBTQ youth, youth survivors of sex trafficking, youth in foster care, and more.

The support of generous people like you is essential to the success of our ambitious efforts. We can’t thank you enough for your dedication to New Avenues—and your belief in the young people we serve.

In Gratitude,

Sean Suib, LCSW
New Avenues for Youth

Our mission is to work in partnership with our community to prevent youth homelessness and provide young people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness the resources and skills needed to lead healthy, productive lives.
Reaching geographically isolated youth in under-resourced communities

The marginalization and displacement of vulnerable populations in the Portland area resulting from gentrification, rising housing costs, and other economic pressures have dramatically increased housing instability and homelessness for young people in the region and, in particular, East Multnomah County.

We opened the Youth Opportunity Center, our new program hub in East Multnomah County, from which we offer drop-in services, job training and employment services, education, housing referrals, recreational activities, and more.

84 youth received case management and wraparound supports from our East Connect program.

131 youth in East Multnomah County to job training and employment services.

“No matter where you come from, how little you have or what you’ve been through, it is possible to build a life worth living. A life where you’re thriving instead of just surviving. New Avenues made that possible for me.”
Supporting youth in foster care and preparing them to transition into adulthood

National data shows that a large percentage of youth transitioning from foster care will find themselves homeless shortly after leaving care—a reality we see every day in the significant number of youth formerly in care who engage in our homelessness intervention services.

In partnership with Bridge Meadows, we opened the Dorothy Lemelson House/New Meadows program, a housing facility and program connected to Bridge Meadows’ multigenerational community that provides youth formerly in foster care with a safe place to live as they pursue education, career, and life goals.

We opened Robinswood, an intensive 24-hour program for youth in foster care as they await placement, providing support to 112 youth.

"It was sometimes hard to imagine how I would be able to create the life I wanted on my own. But with help of New Avenues, I've started down a path I'm excited about. I have my own apartment, and I'm in college studying social work so I can impact lives the way New Avenues has impacted mine."
Providing programming and safe, inclusive spaces for LGBTQ youth

With LGBTQ individuals over-represented among young people experiencing homelessness, the Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC) offers culturally specific case management, counseling, support groups, engagement activities, and more.

SMYRC's Bridge 13 community education program facilitated 119 trainings to businesses, organizations, and service providers to help create safer spaces for queer and trans* people of all ages. Since its inception, SMYRC has served more than 6,000 young people.

393 youth received services from SMYRC, including 156 from the program’s space in East Multnomah County.

"SMYRC was the first place I felt "at home." I met people who experienced the same things I had, they’d even grown from their experiences and used their growth as a stepping stone to move on to greater things in their lives. They gave me hope."
Delivering further prevention and intervention services that address a broad range of needs

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.

“New Avenues for Youth has been the one stable force in my life. They patiently pointed me in the right direction with life goals, even when the only thing I could think of focusing on was getting through the day.”

Our law clinic provided pro bono legal services to 150 youth, helping eliminate barriers preventing them from accessing housing, employment, and education.

278 youth received drug and alcohol recovery and mental-health supports through the ROSE and Pathways programs.

1,616 youth received services from New Avenues.

478 youth received services in our Education program, including an agency record 34 earning GEDs.

597 youth accessed supports through our Drop-In Day Services Center, including meals, showers, laundry, and engagement activities.

328 youth received job training and employment services through PAVE.

Our four social purpose enterprises provided 130 jobs and internships.

Our Housing program made 149 housing placements and interventions.
Your support of New Avenues this year impacted the lives of 1,616 young people.
### Financials

#### Revenue and Support

- **Contributions**: $2,562,495
- **Government Grants**: $6,888,567
- **Special Events (Net)**: $681,021
- **Social Purpose Enterprise Sales**: $653,583
- **Other Contributions**: $231,575
- **Other**: $88,293
- **Total Revenue and Support**: $11,105,534

#### Expenses (Before Depreciation)

- **Program Services**: $8,118,511
- **Management & General**: $801,431
- **Fundraising**: $657,017
- **Total Expenses (Before Depreciation)**: $9,576,959

**Net Operating Income (Before Depreciation)**: $1,528,575

**Depreciation Expense**: $337,346

**Change in Net Assets Before Non-Operating Activities**: $1,191,230

**In-Kind Gift of Furman Building**: $2,714,341

**Investment Returns**: ($98,560)

**Net Assets (Beginning of Year)**: $9,072,249

**Net Assets (End of Year)**: $12,879,260

**Change in Net Assets**: $3,807,011

The positive change in net assets is driven in large part by the in-kind donation value of the Furman Building received during the fiscal year and an $800K pledge for on-going operations at the Dorothy Lemelson House (New Meadows).

*Unaudited financial results. Audit results will be finalized and available online in February 2019.*

#### Expense Allocation

- **Program Services**: 85%
- **Management & General**: 8%
- **Fundraising**: 7%
Thank you for your commitment to preventing and ending youth homelessness

YOU are the reason young people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness are able to empower themselves, realize their potential and pursue their goals. Thank you for all the ways you showed your support this year—from serving meals, tutoring and mentoring youth, and attending our fundraising events, to serving on our boards, providing outreach opportunities, and celebrating youth success. We are grateful for your generosity and compassion, and for your support of our mission to prevent and end youth homelessness.

My heart embraces the youth I have been fortunate to get to know; each one occupying a space only they can fill.
I am a better human being, not for what I may have done for them, but for the many ways they have enriched my life.
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