



## ***YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM***

### **A Jackson Street Youth Ambassador is someone who:**

- Passionately supports runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth and the work of Jackson Street Youth Services.
- Wants to be a leader in the movement to end youth homelessness.
- Commits time and energy to the Jackson Street Youth Ambassador Program by attending and participating in meetings, as well as actively assisting in the planning and implementation of service projects and other events.
- Aims to educate themselves and their community about issues related to youth homelessness in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

### **What are the benefits of being a Youth Ambassador?**

Youth Ambassadors have the opportunity to develop advocacy skills, assume leadership roles, plan and implement service projects, and learn about issues impacting their peers. Youth Ambassadors are supported by the Jackson Street Positive Youth Development Coordinator.

Youth Ambassadors will learn how to help connect their peers, who may be in need of assistance, with Jackson Street Youth Services.

Youth Ambassadors have the opportunity to explore the field of social services and non-profit organizations.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Youth Ambassadors are expected to attend scheduled meetings. The frequency of meetings will depend on the group's current project. Youth Ambassadors play a large role in two events each year; the Annual Fundraising Reception, which is held in April, and National Runaway Prevention Month in November. It is our hope that members stay involved for as long as they are able to (preferably for multiple years).

Projects are picked based on the interests of members involved, but could include:

- Coordinating awareness campaigns
- Holding small fundraisers
- Writing and filming PSA-style advocacy shorts
- Participating in service projects / volunteering for other nonprofits who serve and address issues of homelessness, poverty, and hunger



## Youth Ambassador Application

Youth Ambassadors are dedicated to ending youth homelessness by empowering youth to become advocates, gain skills to become leaders in their communities, and give input to proposed legislation.

Youth Ambassadors are here to support and empower our peers in this movement.

### Student Information:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I Prefer to Be Called: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ **Best Way to Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade attending in fall: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Youth Ambassador Program? \_\_\_\_\_

If someone referred you, please tell us who: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent / Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE NOTIFIED

### Please answer the following questions:

Why do you want to be a Youth Ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you hope to gain from your experience as a Youth Ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

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What skills, abilities, or qualities could you contribute as a Youth Ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you been involved with Jackson Street Youth Services in the past? If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Participant Consent :

I hereby consent to participate in the Jackson Street Youth Ambassador Program. I am able to commit time and energy, I am able to attend regular meetings, I am able to assist in the planning and implementation of community events, and I am able to participate in outreach activities all relating to the Jackson Street Youth Ambassador Program.

I give permission for Jackson Street to take photographs or video of myself while engaged in the Jackson Street Youth Ambassador Program for the sole purpose of illustration, advertising, and publicity.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE PARTICIPANT CONSENT. MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE PROVIDED TRUE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, AND HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO ALL STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM.

Participant PRINTED Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent / Guardian Consent:

I hereby give my consent and approval for my youth's participation in the Jackson Street Youth Services Youth Ambassador Program. I give permission for Jackson Street Youth Services to take photographs or video of my son/daughter while engaged in the Youth Ambassador Program for the sole purpose of illustration, advertising, and publicity for Jackson Street Youth Services.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS CONSENT. MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE PROVIDED TRUE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, AND HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO ALL STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM.

Parent/Guardian PRINTED Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RETURN this application to any of these sites: **Corvallis House**, 555 NW Jackson Ave. Corvallis OR 97330; **Albany House**, 1240 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Albany OR 97322; or **Youth Service Center**, 960 Queen Ave SW Albany OR 97321. **You can also scan and email to the email address provided below.**

### For more information contact:

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