

ANNUAL REPORT

Then



Now

Dear Friends,

A group of intrepid community members, fired up by injustice, met to address a gap in services for youth who had nowhere safe to go. Because of this grassroots movement and their dedicated work, a youth shelter opened its doors on September 10th, 2001. This house on Jackson Avenue in Corvallis provided safety, stability, and well-being to youth in crisis.

Building on that incredible foundation, Jackson Street has worked to end youth homelessness by helping youth build connections to caring adults and learn skills for self-sufficiency. Our services have grown in Benton and Linn County by adding mentoring and support groups, street and school outreach, a second shelter in Albany, and a transitional living program for young adults. It is with humble gratitude to our founders and everyone who has joined this movement since the beginning that **we celebrate our 20th anniversary!**

We especially mark this celebration with the accomplishments of the youth we've had the privilege to know over the years. Some of them -- Aly, Jeffery, Feliciah, Logan, and Maggie -- are generously sharing their stories with us, **from Then to Now.**

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This past year had some new challenges. The needs of youth and families increased while staffing availability decreased. In the face of adversity, we chose to make good programs even better. In outreach, we enhanced support to our mentoring matches. For Next Steps, we added tiers of transitional housing for young adults. Currently, we are completing a major renovation of our Albany House youth shelter.

We couldn't do any of these things without you. We are so grateful to those of you who felt that our mission was your mission, too. You've told us that you care about these young people and the work we do at Jackson Street. You have donated your efforts, your time, and your financial support. You've been true partners as we strive to end youth homelessness together.

On behalf of all of us at Jackson Street, an emphatic and heartfelt thank you!

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Ann P. Craig Executive Director Jackson Street Youth Services



Our staff are truly awesome! We're proud to have been recognized for the third year in a row by Oregon Business Magazine as one of the 100 Best Nonprofits to Work for in Oregon.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Because of your ongoing care & investment —both over the past 20 years and TODAY youth across our region are finding the support they need.



Truths about youth homelessness



Homeless youth are not bad kids

They're good kids in bad situations.

Runaway and homeless youth flee conflict, abuse, or poverty in their homes. They can become disconnected from educational systems and the workforce and do not have the skills and financial resources to live on their own.*



Youth homelessness is not rare

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but it can seem invisible.

A youth is identified as homeless when they live in an emergency shelter or share housing with others due to economic hardship, or if they stay at motels, live in cars, parks, public places, tents, trailers, or other similar settings.



1 in 30*

of the total population of 13–17 year olds are homeless

*Source: "Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America," Chapin Hall, 2017 3

A high school education and ONE **positive adult** can offer longer-term **SUCCESS**

This is a solvable problem.

Some youth are at greater risk of experiencing homelessness, with the strongest correlation being youth who have less than a high school diploma or GED. Low-income, LGBTQ+, non-white, and parenting youth are also at greater risk.

47%

of youth in shelter last year identified as LGBTQ+

100%

of youth in shelter are enrolled in school

trained Volunteer Mentors are supporting youth or waiting to be matched



The need for support doesn't end at age 17

Young adults need unique services to help them succeed long-term.

The average cost of placing a homeless youth in the criminal justice system for one year (\$53,665) is almost ten times the cost (\$5,887) of permanently moving a homeless youth off the streets.*

Nationally

1 in 10* of the total population of 18–25 year olds are homeless

*Source: National Network for Youth, "Consequences of Youth Homelessness,"

*Source: "Missed Opportunities: Youth Homelessness in America," Chapin Hall, 2017



What I remember most about Jackson Street both as a resident and an employee was the feeling of family and like the people working there really care about their job and what they're doing. I was always pushed to be more independent but also to know when I need to ask for help. As a teenager from an abusive home, it was important for me to be able to trust the staff at Jackson Street. And I did.

One of the most exciting parts of my future is beginning my new career journey at the Oregon State Hospital. The experience I gained from working at Jackson Street was invaluable. I learned so much about supporting at-risk individuals, especially those with substance abuse and mental health needs. I'll forever be grateful for the part Jackson Street Youth Services has played in my life. This place shaped me and supported me through drug addiction, prison, recovery, an abusive divorce and celebrated every success.

- Aly, Past Resident & Employee



I started working with Jackson Street just after I turned 17 and have worked with them at the shelter and now in the Next Steps program. I didn't really know what to expect, but my sister had spent time at the shelter so I knew a little. I remember every Friday there was a pizza and movie night. It was always a funny competition to get everyone to vote for the pizza you wanted.

Jackson Street helps a lot of kids figure things out in their lives that they wouldn't figure out otherwise. I mean, some people are lucky enough to have adults in their lives who care about them, but not everyone does. That's why we need Jackson Street - as a safety net. Jackson Street is helping me get a driver's license, finally! I'm looking forward to that.

— Logan, Current Resident



The dream of Jackson Street began

long before the shelter first opened its doors to serve youth. The grassroots efforts of our amazing founders identified the need for shelter services for homeless youth and met in living rooms to develop a way to help. We're so grateful to these early dreamers and doers!

Sept. 10, 2001

The "Benton County Youth Shelter" opened its doors with 9 beds licensed by the Oregon Department of Human Services. The name was soon changed to "Jackson Street Youth Shelter Inc." to welcome all Willamette Valley youth.

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Telling _{Our} Story

Many of you are a part of the Jackson Street story! Huge thanks to past and current board members, volunteers, staff, donors, and funders, along with countless community leaders, partners, and advocates. Your time, money, and care over the past 20 years (and ongoing!) is deeply appreciated.

Because of you, the lives of thousands of youth have been transformed.

Spring 2016

School and Street Outreach programs begin growing including a drop-in center in Lebanon, support groups, and "pop up" drop-in centers in rural communities. By 2018 outreach numbers tripled to 600 youth served annually.

Dec. 2015

Jackson Street's first Mental Heal Therapist is hired to help immedia address youths' needs in the mid of crisis situation

Jan. 2017

Added four additional beds for young adults ages 18-20.

May 2019

The community rallies to quickly open a Next Steps site with 7 beds in Albany for young adults ages 18-20 who would otherwise be homeless.



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Oct. 2007

A capital campaign to purchase the original 24/7 Shelter is completed along with a renovation which increased bed capacity to 12.

2008

Outreach and Mentoring programs began to build relationships with youth in the community and connect them to caring adults.

Sept. 2011

Jackson Street celebrates 10 years and is also awarded its very first federal grant which specifically funds shelter programs for Runaway & Homeless youth (RHY).

Sept. 10, 2021

Jackson Street

turns 20!

May 15, 2015

"Albany House" opens with 10 beds to serve youth ages 10-17. We also begin using the name "Jackson Street Youth Services" to reflect the full scope of programs and opportunities for youth.

April 2013

The first "Next Steps" site opens with 4 beds for 18-20 year olds who would otherwise be homeless and is immediately filled.

Sept. 12, 2012

Our Drop-In Center opens in Albany to better connect with Linn County youth. This site currently serves as our "Outreach Hub" for the tricounty region.

Dec. 2019

Purchasing our "Albany House" shelter is completed! The current renovation will increase the number of beds to 16.

Dec. 2020

Another Next Steps expansion means 17 units now exist regionally, now with a piloted tiredhousing program for young adults up to age 24.

2021

Today Jackson Street operates a full continuum of services designed to prevent and end youth homelessness. Community engagement still plays a major role in the success of these programs.

Then & Now





It's important that Jackson Street exists to help youth in need of a safe positive place to go. I know there were many times I couldn't be at home because it wasn't safe and Jackson Street was always there.

A specific experience that impacted me was when I needed some dental work done and my father couldn't afford it so Jackson Street raised money to help me pay for my root canal and crown. I'll forever be grateful for that. Being involved with the Youth Advisory Board* and the Mentoring program both helped me so much with filling my time with positivity and productivity. I feel they help me today to be more productive at work and have a more positive outlook on life.

— Felicia, Past Resident





I remember many things about my experience there. First I remember there was a lot of rules and structure which I was not used to. I also remember not having to worry about food or waking myself up for school. Jackson Street added some much needed stability to my hectic life which helped me thrive. Later on in the young adults program, I got to work with them again and they taught me how to manage my money, pay my bills, be independent, and rely on those around me for support.

I have many things to be excited about today. I am three years away from being a business owner and am preparing to buy a house in Portland. I have been clean off of hard drugs for almost five years now. I have a college degree. Mostly though, I am excited for people at Jackson Street to be on my team and watch me grow up. I hope they understand the profound impact they have on the kids in their care.

— Jeffrey, Past Resident



Then & Now





Jackson Street made a huge impact on my life and also for my family members. They helped me with my communication skills and gave me a place to go to take a break. They also had people that I could talk to which helped a lot.

— Maggie, Past Resident



Financials

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Because of generous donor support, we were able to help youth and families through the pandemic, build reserves for future stability, and begin our renovation project to increase shelter beds. Grants targeted for support and recovery from the impact of Covid-19 offset a decrease in income from necessary precautions like fewer community-held fundraisers and contracts.

ASSETS

Cash	981,140
Receivables	252,018
Other Current Assets	70,184
Land & Buildings	687,827
Furniture & Equipment	25,421
	\$2,016,591
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	5,575
Payroll & Payroll Liabilities Payable	128,788
Deferred Income	308,809
Other Short Term Liabilities	6,330
Long Term Liabilities	170,301
	\$619,803
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	886,635
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	510,153
NET INCOME	



OUR MISSION

Jackson Street Youth Services is here to promote safety, stability, and well-being for youth. We work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and skills for self-sufficiency.

What can I do?

ADVOCATE

Spread the word. If you're excited about helping our youth, get others excited too. Become an Ambassador and a super fan and lend your voice to the cause.



Youth Ambassadors (ages 14-24)

Community Ambassadors

FUNDRAISE

Ask your community. There is room for YOU to get involved with raising needed funds for important projects that help youth and invite others to join you!

Uprise Peer-to-Peer Campaign

Community Creativity & Drives

Young people need to feel safe, seen, and secure and Jackson Street provides youth with security that's crucial to their development and belonging. **We give because** we want to make this work happen!

-Current Ambassadors

My name is Quilan and I'm 13. Last year I did 4H for the first time. I did sheep with my brother and I was very surprised at how much I raised. I ended up donating \$675 to Jackson Street because I want more people to feel like they have some place to go. We watched a documentary called "Lost in America" about youth homelessness. It makes me feel angry and sad that something happened to them to make them live on the street. I just want them to have a place to call home.

It made me feel good, knowing that I'm helping with something that is increasing every day. I would want to encourage my friends to help me raise money for Jackson Street. Will you join me in the Uprising against youth homelessness?

VOLUNTEER

Become a friend. Volunteering is one of the best ways to help a youth. Caring adults make a tremendous difference.

Mentors

Outreach Teams



Academic Coaches

Service Projects

I advocate, volunteer and give because Jackson Street is one of the leaders in our community who have the opportunity to change the narrative and show youth that adults can be trusted, keep them safe, and accept them for who they are.

-Current Ambassador

JOIN in GIVING

Your donation is greatly appreciated as it takes many resources to provide for each youth. The generosity of our community is what helps move these young lives forward in positive ways!

993 Unrestricted Gifts given last year!

61 Monthly Donors

Donor Advised Funds

Gifts of Stock







From then,





and for many years to come...

until now,

Jackson Street is here for youth 24/7/365

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