LOCAL YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Although it’s based in Newberg, YCAP’s Youth Outreach includes several programs serving youths ages 11 to 21 throughout Yamhill County.

The Drop-In Center in Newberg has a computer room, tutoring, classes and programs for children and teens ages 11 to 17 who need a positive place to be after school hours. The Safe Shelter program, which includes both emergency shelters and the new Transitional Living component, finds safe housing solutions for youths 11 to 21. The emergency shelter service places children ages 11-17 in certified host homes for up to three weeks, during which time YCAP Youth Outreach staff members, the youths and their family members work to plan a safe return to the family home.

The Transitional Living Program recently was developed for homeless teens and young adults ages 16-21 and aims to help them get their lives on track. In addition to having safe housing, they learn things such as life skills, interpersonal communication, assistance with job preparation and job searches, counseling, mental and physical health care, and education. Four participants share a two-bedroom apartment and must get up early each morning, adhere to a schedule, and attend class or work at least eight hours a day. There are eight available slots in McMinnville for men and four available slots in Newberg for women. If they already have achieved a high school diploma or GED but have not yet found work, youths are required to volunteer with other nonprofits or enroll in internships with participating businesses.

“This program is no picnic for these youths,” said Lee Means, YCAP executive director. “Great discipline and focus is required, and staff are working with them continuously to ensure they are learning all the skills they need to become self-sufficient and successful employees and family members.”

Not all those who start the program can finish it; some find that the discipline required to wake early each day and go to work or school while forgoing smoking, alcohol or drugs is too much for them. However, if they decide to drop out, they are not prohibited from returning later for a second chance at making a dramatic change in their lives.

Both parts of the Safe Shelter program rely on volunteer host homes. YCAP Youth Outreach is seeking community members in McMinnville and Yamhill County who will house children and teens for an average of a week or so. The Transitional Living Programs need host homes for teens 16-17, who can’t live in apartments until they turn 18. YCAP also is seeking businesses that would like to provide opportunities for youths to learn job skills, volunteer or serve during internships. Please contact Safe Shelter Coordinator Mark Bartlett at (503) 538-8023 or email mark@yoservices.org.
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THESE WEDDING GIFTS KEEP GIVING

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GET INVOLVED

Interested in running a food drive? Donating food or sharing crops? Volunteering? We especially need volunteer food bank drivers. Contact Tad at TadB@YamhillCAP.org

DONATE

To donate time, money, services or materials, please visit www.yamhillcap.org or contact Lee at LeeM@YamhillCAP.org for more information.

The food bank and Client Services are in need of turkeys and/or hams for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Harvest to Holidays

November 1 - December 20, 2014

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