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2016 WAS A MOMENTOUS YEAR...

JASMYN saw incredible accomplishments in 2016, including the opening of our new David Bohnett CyberCenter in February. The renovation of the youth center and the new computer equipment has doubled the number of youth coming in daily to access the internet and work with staff on resumes, job applications, GEDs, or getting into school.

But we were rocked to our core by the tragedy at Pulse-Orlando. We were forced to remember that none of us are safe, until all of us are safe. None of us are free, until all of us are free. We witnessed — again — the remarkable resilience of the young people we serve. They took in this violence, tucking in this tragedy among the many reports of violence against people of color and the LGBTQ community.

JASMYN convened a Campus Master Plan Task Force in 2016 to look at a number of logistical challenges for the future. Chief among them is the most ambitious priority we’ve ever undertaken — increasing access to housing for young people experiencing homelessness.

Our work at JASMYN would not be possible without the scores of volunteers, donors, and passionate Activist Philanthropists that adopt JASMYN as their own. Backpacks with supplies for our safety net services, stocking our food and hygiene pantry and helping with funds for respite nights in hotels or rental and utility down payments are just a few of the things our wonderful supporters provide. They also answer the call to help with clinic operations; our intense case management program for young people living with HIV/AIDS; and our Student Support Program that builds future leaders.

We closed the year looking towards the growth coming soon to our campus. And we're ready to tackle the impacts of family rejection and work on its prevention. Thank you for stepping up for the amazing young people who rely on JASMYN for support. We are so grateful and proud to include you as part of the JASMYN family.

Sincerely,

Tina Wirth
Chair, Board of Directors
Cindy Watson
Chief Executive Officer

OUR MISSION

JASMYN supports and empowers LGBTQ young people by creating safe space, providing health and wholeness services, and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.
THE FACTS TELL THE STORY

JASMYN’s 22nd year was filled with growth and opportunities that set the stage for our future. The facts and information shown here reflect the scope of our reach and the depth of our support of LGBTQ youth in Northeast Florida. Thanks to a hardworking staff and the generous support of the community, the lives of the young people we serve have been changed forever. We embrace them, protect them and help open doors for them to a hopeful future.

UNDUPLICATED YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED ON CAMPUS

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GAY-StraIGHT ALLIANCE PARTICIPANTS

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DUPLICATED YOUTH ATTENDED MULTIPLE PROGRAMS

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FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

TOTAL $2,050,755

SOURCE OF INCOME:

- Government Grants/Contracts 14.95%
- Fundraising – Individuals 7.41%
- Fundraising – Foundation/Corporate 6.32%
- Fundraising – Events 5.81%
- Other – Non-Cash (Inkind) 2.27%
- Earned Income – Other 0.23%
- Earned Income – Interest 0.03%

TOTAL $1,281,706

PROGRAM EXPENSES:

- HIV Prevention, Testing & Clinic 12%
- Management & Linkage to Care 14%
- Safety Net Services, Case 16%
- Youth Development & Student Support 23%
- Earned Income – Other 0.23%
- Earned Income – Interest 0.03%
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FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:

- Management/Support Services 11.7%
- Fundraising 6%

Includes temporarily restricted gifts and grants of $1,300,764.
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YOUTH LEADER PROFILE: Elias  
Gender Pronouns: They, Them

Elias was a shy 14-year-old high school student who felt somewhat intimidated the first time they walked into JASMYN (“they were all older and they knew each other so well…”). Fast forward a few short years and this same person has transformed into a youth leader who claims the JASMYN youth and staff as their second family (“they have impacted my life so much!”). Traveling an uncharted path for themself, Elias came out as gay to their mom at the same age. Representing the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) at Stanton High School, Elias admits that they wanted to get more involved with JASMYN on a personal level, as well. Mom was “OK with it.”

A year ago, though, just as Elias began a summer internship at JASMYN, Elias had more news for mom: “I came out as Trans and it didn’t go quite as well.” While Mom has since come around — for the most part, it was a very difficult time for Elias. “JASMYN was my only sense of family for a long time. And because I was here almost every day as part of my internship, I relied heavily on them. I learned that it’s OK to let people help you. And it made me really want to help other youth. I became more involved with community activism and helping other youth advocate for themselves.”

Elias just kicked off their freshman year at UNF, and has a long-term goal of obtaining a Ph.D. in Behavioral Health. Starting out as an undergrad with a major in sociology and a minor in public health, it’s easy to understand how Elias became the leader and role model they’ve become. “I want to give back to a community that raised me and help other people like me.”

Our money is on Elias to do just that.

BUILDING A LEGACY: Barbara Drake

“I’ve worked hard to make a difference in this community, especially lending my expertise to agencies doing good work. When it comes to JASMYN, helping make certain that they will have the funds they need to take care of the next generation of LGBTQ+ young people in Jacksonville is very important to me and my family. That is why I’ve included the organization in my legacy planning.” – Barbara Drake, Treasurer, JASMYN Board of Directors

Naming JASMYN as beneficiary in your will or estate plan is a fantastic way to help ensure safety and inclusion for all young people in Northeast Florida for years to come.

For more information, please contact JASMYN’s Director of Development, Angela Strain at astrain@jasmyn.org or 904.389.3857, ext 216.
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