



Dear Partner,

No young person should ever have to go without a home. Yet, for thousands of youth in our state—due to circumstances beyond their control—this is an everyday reality. In Washington state alone, 13,000 unaccompanied youth access housing and support services each year. That’s equivalent to nearly a quarter of the state’s entire high school graduation class in 2016. These young people are separated from their families and need extra support to thrive.

Washington’s homeless youth have a lifetime of potential, and we owe it to them to find solutions to homelessness.

A Way Home Washington is a growing movement dedicated to preventing and ending youth homelessness in Washington state. We’ll do this by listening to and learning from communities. We’ll partner with businesses, providers, government officials, and advocates to connect youth with stable housing and employment, education, and health services.

As a valued partner already doing great work to support young people often left behind in this state, we urge you to support this effort. You can do this by signing the A Way Home Washington Call to Action.

By signing this call to action, you agree to:

- Allow us to list you or your organization on the “Partners” page of our website
- Share stories of progress in Washington state with your networks
- Connect with other A Way Home Washington partners to identify and share solutions
- Push for smart policies and solutions to improve the lives of youth and young adults

A Way Home Washington promises to:

- Provide regular updates on progress in the form of newsletters, emails, conference calls, and in-person meetings
- Share success stories to help raise awareness about the positive work happening in this state
- Connect funders, providers, advocates, and business and education leaders with one another to share ideas, best practices, and solutions.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to partnering with you to write a new future for Washington’s youth.

Thank you,

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## A Call to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

**Washington's youth have a lifetime of potential.** They will build tomorrow's businesses, shape our public policies, and educate the next generation of children. As the heartbeat of our communities, we must give them all they need to lead healthy, enriching lives—not just because it's the right thing to do, but because when they succeed, we all succeed.

**Still, today, thousands of youth in our state experience homelessness.** In fact, nearly 13,000 unaccompanied youth access homeless housing and support services each year. A Way Home Washington is a growing movement dedicated to ensuring these young people receive the support and resources they need to overcome barriers.

**As leaders dedicated to improving the well-being of young people in Washington state,** we envision a brighter future for the next generation. We recognize the need for more resources, action, and community solutions to connect youth with safe, stable housing and education, health, and employment services.

**We are answering A Way Home Washington's call to prevent and end youth homelessness.**

### We promise to work with A Way Home Washington to:

- **Share stories of progress** to celebrate the essential work partners are doing to address and end homelessness among youth and young adults.
- **Raise awareness about youth homelessness** to change perceptions about the barriers young people face to overcome homelessness.
- **Help expand A Way Home Washington's diverse set of partners** to build an even stronger network of individuals, businesses, organizations, and government officials working together to support the next generation.
- **Push for smart policies and solutions** to improve the lives of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

We believe homelessness among youth and young adults is both unacceptable and solvable. We stand with A Way Home Washington to write a new future for Washington's youth.

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**Awareness. Connection. Action.** A Way Home Washington is dedicated to one goal: preventing and ending youth homelessness.