



INTEGRAL YOUTH SERVICES

Monthly Newsletter

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HELP Program

The HELP team provides assistance to youth living in poverty to help guide them towards success in their education. We are happy to announce that we have students in both the Klamath city and county school districts graduating high school this year. 34 Students are graduating from the county, while 11 students are graduating from the city. Congratulations class of 2020!

One More Thing from our Executive Director

I sometimes think the ostrich has the right idea, stick your head in a hole and forget what is going on around us. With the pandemic still going on, along with the unrest and rioting, wouldn't it be nice to just escape? But then nothing changes. I am not an expert on either the pandemic or the current social unrest, neither do I have a global answer to either of these problems. Everyone who works at Integral Youth Services works very hard to offer Hope to the youth we serve in our corner of the world. Within our by-laws it states that all youth are welcome and are to be served. We are just trying hard to change our corner of the world for the better.

Summer Foods Programs

Our heartfelt thanks to Klamath On-line Marketplace (KFOM). in addition to raising over \$1,400 through a fundraiser, KFOM also ran a potato donation drive resulting in 4,000 pounds of potatoes for use in the summer lunch program. KFOM has been a huge supporter of the Summer Lunch Program and helping IYS connect with the local farming community and food producers.

Hill Road House Project

For 9 years IYS has been using their Hill Road House to provide housing for youth. Due to funders modification in their requirements, IYS has decided to sell it and make an investment in town for a more suitable location and building. A team of youth went to work, doing landscaping and general cleanup to make it ready to sell. They did a wonderful job and the house is now on the market. We think this will be a good investment and it will give greater access to those youth we serve to participate in all of IYS' programs. Good Job Team!

Exodus House

The Exodus House has spent its time during the pandemic cleaning, cleaning and cleaning along with some painting. We remodeled an old office into a quarantine room. It has new carpet, paint and furniture and is ready for use if needed. Because management has stayed up with the latest CDC guidelines, we are ready for youth that are in need of shelter.

New Grants New Projects



The National Recreation and Parks Association will be working in partnership with IYS to create a food hub in the Mills District of Klamath Falls. The grant was \$80,000 and will be used to help our community get access to healthy foods, social services such as WIC and SNAP, better food literacy, and on site food evaluation screening with our partners,



Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon granted us \$2,338, which has helped us keep our rural route delivery going for our summer lunch program.



No Kid Hungry granted us \$25,000, which was used to purchase a new truck that we can use for our deliveries. The truck can hold over 154 lunches in it's bed, which makes it optimal for feeding multitudes of families.

Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program has been up and running through this Pandemic supporting participating current and former foster youth. We have been doing weekly peer groups through Skype in which lessons have covered Banking, Housing, Well-being, Strategic Sharing, Family Matters, Youth Adult Partnerships, and Disguised as Love. Once the ILP program is resuming in person peer meetings, we will be reaching out to community members to come and speak to the group in order to expand our group lessons.

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