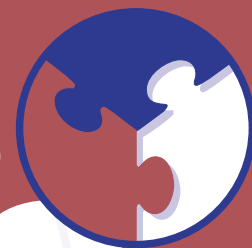


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John Arvan
YFA Board Chair

Dear Friend,

During the holiday season, most of us look forward to happy gatherings shared with loved ones. The magic of the season brings healthy families together for happy celebrations and traditions passed down through generations.

But for some in our community, the holidays can bring sadness and pain. Family conflict, youth and family violence, drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and mental illness affect many families in our Spokane community. During the holiday season, these families often feel even more isolated and alone.

Sadly, for the youth in these families, the holidays can be bleak and even dangerous.

At YFA Connections, we help families of all shapes and sizes deal with conflict and crisis. We offer programs that help youth, adults and families address issues and heal wounds caused by crisis, conflict, trauma, chemical dependency and mental illness.

At our Crisis Residential Center, we provide shelter and counseling for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth and their families. Staff members work around the clock to help restore balance and find solutions for these kids and their families.

We strive to help rebuild families touched by crisis in *all* of our programs and we need your help. Donations from individuals and businesses help us continue providing services of the highest quality to the youth, adults and families who come to us for help.

During this holiday season, please take a moment to think of these vulnerable members of our community and send a contribution in the enclosed envelope.

All of us at YFA Connections thank you for your support and wish you and your family a healthy, safe and joyous holiday season.

Yours truly,

John Arvan

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Thank you to The Florence Wasmer Fund for Children and Families of the Inland Northwest Community Foundation

 The Florence Wasmer Fund for Children and Families of the Inland Northwest Community Foundation awarded YFA Connections a grant to support a program based at the Crisis Residential Center that helps our at-risk kids get ready to search, apply, interview and succeed at getting that first job. The program was initiated last year with a Fred Meyer grant that helped stock our computer lab with software programs and workbooks focused on skills for independent living.

With the help of our wonderful staff, kids can now get help preparing resumes, choosing appropriate places to apply, filling out job applications and practicing for interviews. When the time comes, kids get the support they need to groom and dress appropriately for real interviews and then for work.

Applying for that first job is hard enough! This new dimension of our employment readiness program helps even the playing field for the runaway, homeless and at-risk kids who receive services at the Crisis Residential Center.



*Crisis Residential Center
6th and McClellan*


YFA stands for Youth Family Adult because that's who we serve

Here's a snapshot of what we've done so far this year:

- Provided safe shelter, great meals, clothing, counseling, laughter and hope to almost 400 kids (and their families) at our **Crisis Residential Center**
- Provided more than 6000 hours of intervention, counseling, support, and advocacy to more than 1000 students and their families in 42 public schools in 6 local school districts through the **Safe Schools/Healthy Students** program
- Provided more than 300 hours of crisis intervention and referrals to local families who called our **24/7 Crisis Hotline** for help
- Provided 500 hours of care, support and counseling in the homes of 45 local families
- Provided more than 19,000 hours of treatment for close to 500 local adults struggling with chemical dependency and mental illness

Youth Family Adult...That's why we're here

Fundraising Luncheon

 Last summer, YFA held its first ever fundraising luncheon to raise awareness and support for our programs. The luncheon was a huge success and we appreciate all the new supporters who came and learned about the work we've been doing with youth, adults and families since 1969

Thanks again to all of you who came out and supported us so generously and to Police Chief Ann Kirkpatrick for delivering the hilarious key note address at our inaugural fundraiser luncheon.



Police Chief Ann Kirkpatrick addressing YFA supporters at luncheon





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