

April 2015 ED Report

Shelter:

Niki has had to be off property for the last 3 weeks and has not been able to access kid information because her fingerprints expired. Her fingerprints cleared on Friday - and she didn't waste anytime in getting refocused back on kids and shelter.

Since the weather has warmed, our shelter use has gone way down. In the last few weeks, we have had 1-3 youth at a time. Most of the youth are new. They are not street kids at all, but kids struggling to find their place in their families.

We've had 2 kids in the last week that came to us from the community:

- 13 year old, decides to run away feeling he is a burden to his family. At 2:00 a.m. he is hitchhiking along Farmer's Loop and a passerbyer is coming home from work and stops - thinking - something isn't right. The youth doesn't know where he is going, but the good samaritan offers to take him to safety and brought him to The Door. The 2 men on staff check him in, call and leave a msg for his family, who call back at 5:30a.m. They are hysterical with worry. They come to get him immediately - and the staff said that the youth was crying, the parents were crying - it was quite a reunion and reminded them of why they are here.
- The second youth, 15, was referred to us by Safeway late at night when he was hanging around at closing time. This youth has reported abuse and OCS is involved.

Staff Developments:

- *Training:*
 - *Positive Youth Development w/staff*
 - *I attended a training at the FRM on Delegating*
 - *Niki attended the ACES training, Adverse, Childhood, Experiences*
- *Proposed Flow Chart*
- *Flex schedule to Set Schedule*
 - *This will be helpful and hopefully free up admin from the weekends.*
 - *We took steps to begin doing this for June. It isn't quite there yet - a number of staff are on leave in June - but getting there. Hopefully by August we will have this in place.*
- *Every Thursday from 5-7 we have a TEAM meeting in the office of The Door. Please consider coming by and dropping in for 5-10 minutes to say hi. Share your personal story of what brought you to FYA and why you are on The Governing Board.*
- *Staff changes:*
 - *Alison submitted her resignation a month in advance. She graduated with her degree in nursing, is getting married this next week and going*

on extended honeymoon. She stated specifically that she was not leaving because of the job or FYA - but because of her life changes.

- *Sam* accepted an offer from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis. He will be gone to school for 7 weeks and is currently riding his bike from Fairbanks to California, so please pray for his safety. He will return mid July for 2 weeks, then be gone. He has moved to a "fill in" status.
- *Adam Benson* joined us and is a retired State Trooper. Adam is currently working weekend nights, and will be working Friday through Monday - starting mid June. Adam attends First Presbyterian.
- *Nikki Crenshaw* comes highly recommended as well. She will help staff the shelter for weekend days but wants as many hours as she can get this summer. She has not started yet. Nikki is getting a double major in Social Work and Justice and plans to graduate in 2016. Last summer, Nikki gave up her summer to staff at Camp Li-wa (an unpaid position). She is really into teens - not afraid of hard questions or hard scenarios!
- We have only had 2 applicants for Niki's position. One from inhouse, one from outside. We are weighing the pros and cons.
- Michelle: had knee surgery 2 weeks ago.

Where to go from here:

1. SWOT: Program Evaluation
 - a. I'm really proud of Niki for sharing this with me as she has learned about it from her weekly meetings with the FRM. This is a powerful tool that will help us be stronger
2. Counseling:
 - a. Green Building:
 - i. we are in the process of getting a bid for the second floor of the greenhouse: basic paint, solid doors, frames, flooring, etc.
 - ii. hoping to have someone organize the wash up - high pressure- and painting of the trim - of the greenbuilding - someone who can organize the activity. We potentially have the labor, they would just need a director. (Jeff??)
 - iii. Looking to have shelving assembled for 1/2 of the garage at the greenhouse. We need to organize our stuff!
 - b. Counseling Services:
 - i. Arlys has been working on the estimates based on input from Dave and myself and the research she has completed on her own.
 1. See chart
 - ii. Pray for the right people to come along.
3. White House:

- a. we have some possible leads with help for the demolition of this structure
- 4. New green house - is currently not insured. The carrier only wants to have 1 empty house on the policy at a time. - The white house is it until it leaves.
- 5. Program expansion
 - a. VISTA:
 - i. Part time researcher for social enterprise/project planner facilitator with Dave Hayden for the campus development
 - ii. Social media focus
 - iii. Donor Development coordination

Financial Updates

- One Homeless Night: met with Meryem - must turn my attention to this and start connecting with community partners for sponsorship
- New Donors:
 - Betty Noreen - monthly donor from speaking to Christ Lutheran group
 - Mike and Lisa States
 - Jerry & Myrna Colp
 - Mark Russell, relative of Sam's, (\$1000)
- Recent donations:
 - Eielson Officer's Spouses Club: \$500
 - Weller 3rd and 6th grade: 350
 - Troop 137: \$290
 - Fairbanks Host Lions \$1000

Community:

- Attended
 - *National Day of Prayer*
 - *3 day Youth and Family Conference with TCC & OCS - lots of good connections*
- *Presentations:*
 - *Library Presentation for Birthday Bash:* It went ok, I was hoping for more in attendance
 - *Host Lions*
 - *OCS - presentation at OCS about The Door with all 25 case workers + more*
- *West Valley* meeting & picnic with seniors: gave away a hat, 7-8 shirts and 6 gift cards for subway sandwiches
- Raven Landing - partnership continues. They are now bringing over leftover dinners to us 5 days a week. These are of good quality & we are able to repurpose them and give whatever is left over out on Saturday BBQ. Dinner is NOT reimbursable with the National School Lunch Program - so we are able to serve whatever we wish.

- Golden Heart Rotary:
 - Has \$3k left over from golf tournament. They would like to do something special with it. I made several suggestions which they were not interested in. Then I suggested that in the future we may have a Basketball Court, etc. and they jumped all over that one - and asked if we could do it this summer.
- Shelter Visits:
 - Tanana Middle School
 - G.S. Troop 137 & _____
 - Weller Elementary
 - OCS Intake Workers

Tasks that need attention this next month:

- start writing newsletter for end of July/August distribution
- one homeless night: sponsors, website, write ups
- advertising: bus & radio
- GVEA grant

Miscellaneous:

- we need a photo of the board for website

Upcoming events for Calendar (Tami)

Garden Planting Day: May 30th

FYA Garage Sale: June 6 Community donations are welcome