



Friends of Youth Celebrates 70 Years with Virtual Fundraiser

Friends of Youth, a King County WA, organization that works to alleviate youth homelessness, celebrates 70 years of services at virtual event on March 26th.

KIRKLAND, WA, UNITED STATES, February 25, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In response to concerns about COVID-19, [Friends of Youth](#), a King County, WA organization that partners with youth and families to provide the relationships, resources, and skills they need to attain personal growth and success, will celebrate its 70th Anniversary virtually. On Friday, March 26, 2021, our "[Celebration of Youth](#)" will be livestreamed and is open to all.

"Celebration of Youth is our annual fundraising luncheon that brings together community, civic, business leaders, and donors for an afternoon of inspiration and impact. Due to the pandemic, we did not gather last year but will come together this March, albeit virtually, to support Friends of Youth's critical programs and mark the organization's 70th anniversary" said Paul Lwali, President and Chief Executive Officer, Friends of Youth. "Don't miss a celebration that's been seven decades in the making!"

Recognized as a leader in developing, providing, and advocating for services for children, youth, and their families, Friends of Youth believes that all youth should have every opportunity to succeed, and our services are designed to fulfill that vision in three core areas:

- Homeless Youth Services: Providing a continuum of critical services for homeless youth, young adults, and young families, including street outreach, drop-in day services, case management, employment services, emergency overnight shelter, and transitional housing.
- Residential Youth Services: Providing residential supports for youth through foster care, emergency shelter, residential treatment, case management, independent living skills coaching, and counseling.
- Youth and Family Services: Providing mental health and substance abuse counseling, home visiting programs for young parents, and prevention services for youth and families.

"The number of youth experiencing homelessness in our community is growing, and due to COVID-19, this number will only increase," said Lynn Juniel, Friends of Youth's Development Director. "We provide life-sustaining resources to community members in need and have seen

an increase in both demand for our services and the costs associated with keeping our youth and staff healthy and safe. By joining our virtual event, you will have the chance to ensure Friends of Youth can continue to serve those most in need and become a part of our seven-decade legacy.”

This year we are thrilled to partner with one of the region’s best from-scratch catering companies, Off the Vine, to make the event even more memorable. Guests can order Experience Boxes with delicious lunch selections and unique youth-created mementos. Also, this fundraiser will have a packed, livestreamed program thanks to our collaboration with [Zeacon](#), a local, minority-owned technology agency whose mission is to intelligently connect communities. For more information or to register, visit www.friendsofyouth.org/coy. Anyone interested in learning more about being a sponsor, donor, or have questions about Friends of Youth can contact Lynn@friendsofyouth.org

About Friends of Youth

Since 1951, Friends of Youth has been helping young people in challenging circumstances get their lives back on track. Today, Friends of Youth positively impacts over 3,200 children, youth, and their families each year, at 24 sites and programs in 18 cities across the East and North King County region. In addition to operating the only overnight youth shelters on the Eastside, the agency offers youth development initiatives, in-home family support for young parents and guardians of children up to five years old, parent education, youth and family counseling, substance abuse counseling, therapeutic foster care, residential treatment, and transitional housing for homeless young people and teen mothers.

About Zeacon

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