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Yes, I want to get involved and support the dreams of homeless youth. I would like to:

- Support Avenues with a tax-deductible contribution (see below)
- Donate items from the Avenues Wish List (www.avenuesforyouth.org)
- Have Avenues make a presentation to my community, group or congregation
- Volunteer at Avenues

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Double your gift today. Ask your employer about matching your contribution. My gift will be matched by: _____

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Send to: Avenues for Homeless Youth,
1708 Oak Park Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Who and Why

Every night in Minnesota, more than 1,800 youth and young adults are homeless - they are unaccompanied and living on the streets, couch-hopping or in shelters (Wilder Research, 2006).

- 46% of homeless youth in MN have been physically or sexually abused
- 42% of homeless youth in MN report a significant mental health problem; 17% to 25% report a physical health problem
- 66% of homeless youth in Minnesota are young people of color
- 15-40% of homeless youth in the US identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (National Gay/Lesbian Taskforce)



You can help homeless youth by supporting Avenues and other youth serving agencies.

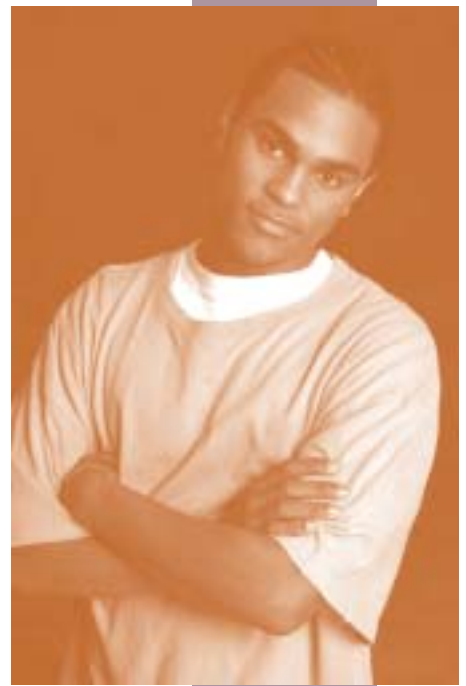
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For Homeless Youth



Avenues for Homeless Youth

provides emergency shelter, short-term housing and supportive services for homeless youth in a safe and nurturing environment.

Avenues Programs for Homeless Youth

Emergency and Short-Term Housing

24 hour x 7 day caring by trained staff, a clean bed, three meals per day, personal hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, clothing and weekly bus passes.

Intensive case management and ongoing after care - support as the youth set and pursue their individual goals for education, employment, housing, mental and physical health.

Special groups to build youth self-awareness, self-esteem and expression.

Learning and practice in independent living skills - nutrition, meal preparation, healthy lifestyles, and personal financial management.

Mental health and physical health assessment and treatment.



GLBT Host Home Program

Safe and supportive, volunteer host homes for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and young adults who are homeless or precariously housed.

How You Can Help Homeless Youth

- * Make a tax-deductible contribution to Avenues for Homeless Youth
- * Get your contribution matched by your employer
- * Host a DRIVE at your work, congregation or neighborhood (personal care products, towels, coats, bus passes, gift cards)
- * Schedule a presentation by Avenues for your congregation, workplace, civic or neighborhood group
- * Host a fundraising event or a house party to benefit homeless youth
- * Serve on the board of directors or a committee
- * Volunteer (house maintenance, yard work, tutoring, etc.)
- * Sponsor a room at Avenues to clean and paint
- Become a volunteer host with the GLBT Host Home Program

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