



**AVENUES**  
FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Support Minnesota's  
Homeless Youth

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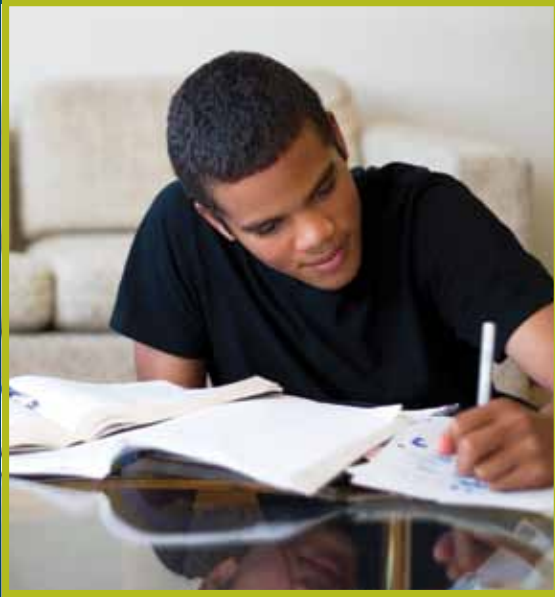
Ten thousand young people in Minnesota experience homelessness every year. On any night around the state, nearly 2,000 youth and young adults are homeless and left to find their own way.

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*Avenues for Homeless Youth needs you.*

The consequences are harsh. Homeless youth can't get an apartment. They can't get a job without identification or a current address. Their education is usually interrupted or cut off. They are victims of violence and abuse. And they're at risk on the streets.

**OUR MISSION |** The mission of Avenues for Homeless Youth is to provide emergency shelter, short-term housing and supportive services for homeless youth in a safe and nurturing environment. Through such service, Avenues seeks to help youth achieve their personal goals and make a positive transition into young adulthood.



**OUR PROGRAMS** | At its North Minneapolis house, Avenues provides safe shelter and transitional housing with support services to 16 homeless youth, ages 16 through 20. While living at Avenues, these young people receive:

- Care and attention from adult staff 24 hours a day
- Basic needs, including meals, personal hygiene supplies, laundry, bus passes, clothing and more
- Nursing and mental health therapy
- Help from a case manager in planning their individual goals for education, employment, housing, healthcare and other essentials
- Training in independent living skills

In addition, we support the *GLBT Host Home Program*, which serves 10 homeless gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and young adults, ages 16 through 21. Through this program, members of the community volunteer their homes to provide transitional living arrangements that are safe and supportive.



**HOW YOU CAN HELP** | With your support this year, Avenues will help 150 youth find safe shelter and support. They'll have the opportunity to transition to a stable young adulthood and become contributing members of our community.

Your gifts of dollars, time and in-kind donations makes our mission possible.

### HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Donate money.** Go to [www.avenuesforyouth.org](http://www.avenuesforyouth.org) to make a secure online donation. You can also mail a check or call 612-522-1690 to make a donation using your credit card.
- **Donate stock.** Call 612-522-1690 for instructions.
- **Donate supplies.** Collect personal hygiene supplies or other essential items, such as clothing or winter gear, and bring them to Avenues. Call us to learn about our current needs or visit the Wish List on our website.
- **Host.** Host an event in your home or online through GiveMN.org to benefit Avenues and raise awareness about youth homelessness.
- **Volunteer.** Offering tutoring services to our youth. Plant and maintain our vegetable garden or do yard work. Help clean and maintain our house. Prepare and deliver a meal.
- **Spread the word.** Tell others about the critical services that Avenues provides to homeless youth.
- **Open your home.** Become a host in the GLBT Host Home Program.

# YES!

## I want to get involved.

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY STATE ZIP

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PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL ADDRESS

### I would like to:

- Donate supplies
  - Volunteer my time
  - Host an event
  - Donate stock
  - Donate money
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- Visa         MasterCard
  - Or enclose check

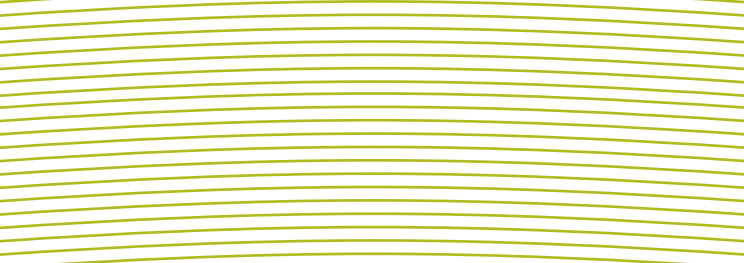
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