



Pacific House

FINDING THE WAY HOME

formerly Shelter for the Homeless



Our Young Adult Program addresses the unique needs of homeless young men who have nowhere to call home.

Homeless young adults have very few options. Shelters rarely address their specific needs, and children 'age out' of most services at age 18. *The Pacific House Young Adult Program* fills this gap.

Investing in these young adults can help prevent a lifetime of homelessness.

Research shows that intervention during this *critical window of opportunity* can:

- Minimize lasting physical and emotional damage
- Help build lost self-esteem and develop skills for lifelong independence
- Reduce likelihood of long term homelessness
- Reduce taxpayer costs relating to the ongoing use of emergency rooms, police services, etc.

The *Pacific House Young Adult Program* accounts for the specific developmental needs of this age group. We find clients housing as quickly as possible, and connect them with appropriate employment, education and support services that prepare them for the demands of adulthood.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO MORE.



Intervention is critical.

- **They risk victimization and exploitation**, including: rape, abuse, and trading sex for a place to sleep or money to survive.
- Many **attend school only sporadically**, unaware of their right to transportation and meals.
- Depression, suicidal thinking and substance abuse are common.

- Those who identify as LGBTQ are at even greater risk for victimization and mental health issues.

Pacific House must advance its efforts to reach this dramatically underserved population. We must...

Find Them. By searching streets and connecting with schools, youth organizations and the community, we must locate these young people and let them know we're here to help.

Create Additional Accommodations. Our shelter has one room dedicated to these young men, but more space and more beds are needed.

Hire Staff. Specialized case managers and counselors are needed to handle school difficulties, depression and anxiety, survivors of abuse and divorce/blended family challenges, etc.

These kids are just getting started. Invest in them to turn their lives around and strengthen our community.

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