

## HOPE 4 Youth June Board Update

July 1, 2022

It was great to see many of you at our volunteer celebration on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – gathering with our volunteers and team helps to build cohesion and connection. If you were unable to make it, know it will be wonderful to see you at our August 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting as well as at the Heartland Tire Golf Classic on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Today is the kickoff to a long weekend celebrating our country's foundation. I hope you are able to spend time with family and/or friends to simply unwind and enjoy some time away from your routine. Until we close the door on this week, I have a few highpoints to share!

**Upcoming event dates!** Please note all events are captured in the board portal on the *Board Calendar*

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Board meeting located at the Anoka County Sheriff's office
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Heartland Tire Golf Event – they are sold out, but we are working on a “dinner only option”. We will update you at our board meeting.

**Fundraising connections** – your connections are invaluable to our momentum.

- We will be discussing our financial reality at the August board meeting, but your willingness to amplify our mission and share the opportunity of engagement has never been more important. Due to the currently economic environment, our donations are down. We will continue to ideate options to strengthen our 2022 year but appreciate you making an introduction to minimally one individual or business we can connect with to help fund our mission. If you haven't connected with Julie, thank you in advance for this imperative cultivation request. See the details in Julie's message from May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Program and mission engagement** – building and empowering our youth is what we do.

- (Previously shared) Due to the realities of our space and the time of our youth meals, gathering together on August 1<sup>st</sup> for our board meeting is not realistic. We will determine a Fall time frame that will work for the board. We presented three options and only had one board member available in light of summer vacations. More to come.
- As of this week, all apartments were filled at HOPE Place. In our attempt to improve the culture and expectations with our residents, we have seen more youth departing. While this impacts our financial state short term, the need to work with youth who are willing to engage in the program requirements are imperative.
- We continue to see increased mental health issues and youth in crisis. We have close ties with crisis support partners and are currently researching how else and where else to partner. This will be a priority discussion at our next board meeting.

**Fall Board Retreat** – thank you for your nimbleness in our rescheduled retreat.

- In light of our facility dream being put on hold with the legislation stall, we are reimagining our future. Between now and our September retreat, we are meeting as staff and researching vision options for the board to discuss as we prepare for our next three-year strategic plan. More to come at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**THANKS again for your time commitment and leveraging your expertise in all we do. See you next month! Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!!!**