

## HOPE 4 Youth February Board Update

March 1, 2024

I hope you are enjoying our very interesting MN winter. It has been a bit of a roller coaster, but it has been one people are either very appreciative of, or one people are extremely disappointed with. Which ever camp you find yourself in, know we appreciate you!

Please see a quick snapshot from the month and a few special requests in our off-meeting month!

### **New Facility – where our future dream lives!**

- We have officially cancelled the PA with the 8457 Sunset Road property. After many discussions, it was in HOPE 4 Youth's best interest to step away during this period of due diligence.
- **REQUEST:** Do you have relationships with any key city or city council leaders? We are prioritizing Fridley, Blaine, Coon Rapids, and Spring Lake Park. Please reach out to LaChelle regarding your relationship.

### **Board and Administrative updates – the behind the scenes work elevating our mission!**

- Thank you for your commitment to our organization. As we start a new year, we want to thank you for your time, talent, and willingness to advocate for our work.
- Your committee work is moving the needle of HOPE 4 Youth's mission.
  - Finance Committee continues a monthly review of our financial management and will be reviewing our 2023 completed audit in the coming month.
  - Development Committee and Gala Committee are elevating our market messaging, outreach strategies, and ideating improvements to a signature event – A Night 4 HOPE.
  - Program Committee has been exploring social and emotional assets for our youth, as well as how to elevate youth voice in decision making.
  - Strategic Steering Committee is reviewing the 2024 Ops Plan and developing our Risk Management Plan
  - Executive Committee continues to help staff balance our external vision and promises within our operation.

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

- Join us in March for a presentation from Mark and Mica pertaining to our mission outputs and youth outcomes from 2023.
- We now offer Karaoke Night at the HOPE 4 Youth Center in Anoka on the last Wednesday of each month. Join us if you are interested in serving a meal and singing along at our community gathering.
- HOPE Place is once again filled with residents effective March. The power of our program is changing lives.

### **Advancement connection – a partnership-mindset is key in our outreach!**

- We are off and running with more invitations to present than ever before. Our goal is to turn tours into partners!
- **REQUEST:** If you have a community group, affiliation, or company you would like to introduce us to, please reach out to Nikki.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** [A Night 4 HOPE](#) sponsorships and table sales are open. We hope our entire board will be in attendance on April 20<sup>th</sup> for a meaningful evening of stories, energy, and fun!
- Tune into Cities 97 for the next six-weeks as part of their Gives Back program.

**Here is to dreaming huge and aligning with amazing partners!** See you at the March Board meeting.