



## LaChelle's ED Update

### HOPE 4 Youth April Board Update

June 1, 2024

Happy (almost) SUMMER!!! It has been a busy month at HOPE 4 Youth! Thank you for your continued advocacy and willingness to speak on behalf of our mission.



We planted the seed at the board meeting, but now would like to share our June campaign with you, the [Summer Kick-Off Challenge](#). We are experiencing a critical need with food shortage at our HOPE 4 Youth Center in Anoka. In April, we had 342 visits to our center and 28 new enrollments (which was a new record) plus we are tracking higher for May. Of those 342 youth, 25% of those youth are parenting young children of their own. Food insecurity is at an all-time

high in our community! At H4Y Center, we can support our youth through providing basic needs such as food and hygiene, while allowing them to stay in their current housing situation and remain employed. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 and 15,000 pounds of food to support the youth walking through our doors this summer. PLEASE HELP SHARE the opportunity for this community challenge

THANK YOU to Paul Ekstrom and his team at RealtyONE Group for their commitment to our mission. Please check out our link to their [Tee'd Up Fore Hope](#) golf event. All proceeds to their July 16<sup>th</sup> event will benefit HOPE 4 Youth; join them if you can. Additionally, HELP SPREAD THE WORD as every golfer helps empower our youth with resources!

Please see the link to our [video channel with YouTube](#). The video from A Night 4 HOPE and other shorter videos are housed there. Abby will continue to populate this site as other videos become available.

Our Volunteer Ambassador program is off to a powerful start! Our colleague Mari Dahlke has created a professional opportunity for our strongest community advocates. These advocates are planning to help share the opportunity with our community to become engaged to support our mission. Please see our [events calendar](#) for the remainder of the year; join us when you can!

Finally, we will be hosting our July board meeting at **Connexus Energy** on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be incorporating a tour of their Solar Energy space. Thanks Krista for the opportunity to see how HOPE 4 Youth might consider green space at our new HOPE 4 Youth Center.

With this I wish you an amazing June – please reach out with any questions you have.

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