



Mid-Year Report

Here at Youth Homes, we’re making the most of the summer weather with rafting trips, ice cream runs, and other joyful moments that remind our youth what it feels like just to be kids.

As we reflect on the first half of the year and look ahead, here's a deeper look at what we've accomplished so far:

A Message from our CEO



Amy Schaer

At our Annual Meeting in June, we heard from a young woman who, at just 16, lived in one of our Group Homes and now receives support from a case manager as she transitions out of foster care. Her words, "This changed my life" and "I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the staff and program," captured the heart of our mission more powerfully than anything else I could share in this message. Financials, programming, and strategic plans all play a role in our success, but her story was a profound reminder of why we do this work. That moment was the highlight of my year. Because in the end, it's about changing lives. And thanks to your support, we are.

Our Year So Far



While the change in seasons has brought new joys, this year we’ve also seen that supporting youth in crisis has never been more urgent—or more difficult.

A recent report by the health and human services consulting agency TriWest estimates that, in any given year, more than 3,600 youth ages 12–21 in Missoula County will experience a major depressive episode, and over 560 will attempt suicide. These urgent needs are only compounded by long waitlists and significant gaps in intensive home and community-based services.

Now more than ever, it is essential to support our youth.

At Youth Homes, we believe in the transformational power of stable living and supportive mentors in changing young people's lives.

This year, we’ve been working hard to fulfill our commitment to youth:



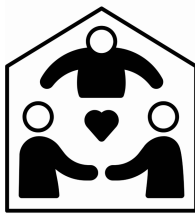
73 youth

have been supported across 6 group homes this year—each receiving care, stability, and structure in a safe environment.



126 daily

youth and adults are receiving **Outpatient Therapy**, receiving individualized support to build stability and resilience.



130 youth

have received **transitional living services**, including support with housing, education, employment, and life skills.

Dan Fox Family Care Program Highlights



Crisis Care, Closer to Home

This year, the Dan Fox Family Care Program launched a dedicated **Home Support Services (HSS) Team** to expand in-home support for families across Missoula County and surrounding areas. Designed to respond to increasing community needs, the HSS Team began serving families in early June following a successful training and onboarding period. At full capacity, the team will support up to **14 families** through crisis intervention and wraparound care.

Reach Higher Summit

In June, the Transitional Living Services team brought **10 Youth Homes participants** to the **Reach Higher Summit** in Helena—a three-day event focused on life after high school. Youth explored career paths, trade programs, and college opportunities, and attended workshops on financial literacy, mental health, and peer support. Equally important was the opportunity for 40+ youth from around the state to come together and share their experiences

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A Look Inside the Homes



In June, **Partnership for Children's Sunrise Youth Home** toured a local bakery, giving kids a behind-the-scenes look at how bakeries and coffee shops work. The kids brought home fresh bread and proudly helped bake it for dinner. Later, they played “bakery” in the yard, excited to share what they’d learned.

Earlier this year, the **Tom Roy Youth Home** became a licensed therapeutic home and added an emergency shelter bed to support youth in urgent need. Since this addition, they have successfully helped several young people transition from emergency shelter to long-term placements.

The **Margaret Stuart Youth Home** in Helena will be enjoying A/C this summer for the first time ever, thanks to an installation done in September.

A youth from the **Talbot Home for Girls** recently transitioned to a foster placement after making great progress. Depression and isolation had kept her from attending school and engaging with others in her previous kinship placement. At Talbot, she enrolled at Willard Alternative High School and thrived, earning straight A's and making the Honor Roll.

The **Flathead Youth Home** staff and kids have been exploring their culinary skills to celebrate the diverse backgrounds within our home. With several Native youth in the home, they have enjoyed traditional foods like Indian tacos, flatbread, and tamales, and recently celebrated Hispanic heritage with pupusas made by one of our youth.

At the **Dennis Radke Home for Boys**, seven youth have successfully completed their treatment programs this year, moving on to foster care, family reunification, or Job Corps. Three more are expected to discharge in the next 90 days. The team is also proud to celebrate one youth who finished 8th grade on the distinguished honor roll!

The **Talbot Boys Home** is proud to highlight the longevity and dedication of its staff team. Eleven team members have been with the program for over two years, including two with six years.

In the Community



Run 4 Kids 2025

This year's Run 4 Kids team once again brought the heart to the Missoula Marathon. Together, participants raised over \$85,000 to help provide stable homes and critical care for youth in our program.

Thank you to every runner, donor, and cheerleader who made this possible! Your dedication and support make a visible difference in the lives of youth we serve.

Interested in joining next year's team? Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Staff Spotlight

Tori Bauer (Susan Talbot Boys Home)

Tori joined Youth Homes after she earned her undergraduate degree and was looking to build the skills needed for grad school and a future helping others. At Talbot, her favorite part of the job is watching the kids grow into themselves, and something she's learned from them is how far being patient will get you. Outside of work, Tori loves sitting by the river and watching strangers go by, reading, journaling, or watching her favorite movie: Twilight.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities



Save the Date!

We are excited to announce our upcoming annual fundraiser, An Evening in Missoula, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th at the Missoula County Fairgrounds. Come and enjoy food and drink, and support our mission to empower youth.

Find out more information [here](#).



Interested in joining Youth Homes?

Make a lasting impact in the lives of youth while gaining valuable hands-on experience.

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