



August Newsletter

Meet the Flathead Youth Home

A unique place in the heart of of the Flathead Valley.

The Flathead Youth Home is located in a residential neighborhood in downtown Kalispell. Our youth can walk to the park, ride bikes for ice cream, or simply enjoy being part of the community.

But how did we get to where we are now?

Learn more about the Flathead Youth Home, our history, and impact in this newsletter.

Our Story

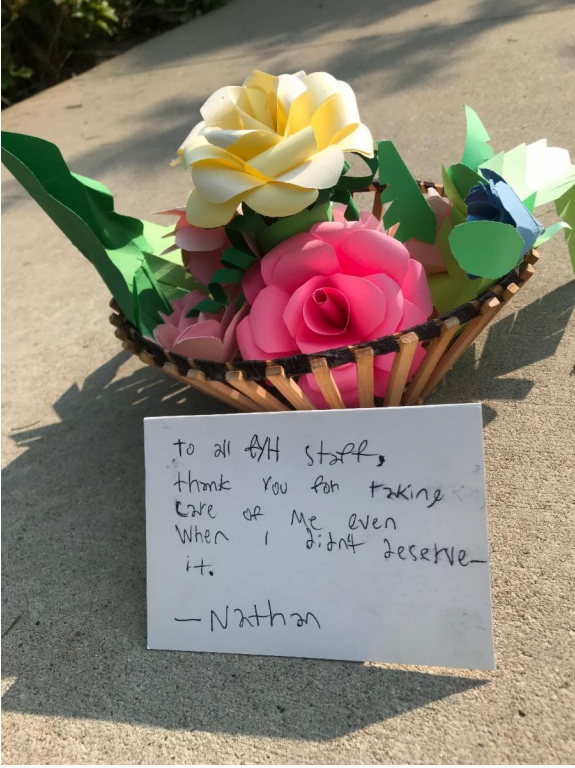


Flathead Youth Home (FYH) began in 1997 when local community members saw a critical need for a safe, stable place for young people experiencing crisis. Before that time, many youth had to leave the Flathead Valley to access care. They often ended up in distant cities where they were far from home, school, and familiarity.

Our founders envisioned something different. They saw the potential for a home right here in the community, where kids could stay connected to the people and places that matter most. With 8 beds and a dedicated staff team, FYH was built to be more than a shelter. It was built to be a place of belonging, safety, and healing.

Since then, we've moved locations, but our mission to help the youth who need it most has stayed the same. We've served over 3,700 youth, each with their own story, their own strengths, and their own journey.

Fast Facts



Year Opened: 1997

Beds: 8

Licensing: dual licensed for short term shelter (45 days) and long-term care (up to 1 year)

Total Youth Served: Over 3,700

Where Our Youth Come From: primarily Flathead and Lincoln Counties, with some referrals from across Montana

After FYH: youth move to therapeutic programs, addiction treatment, foster or kinship care, or return home

[Visit our Website](#)

A Summer Day at the FYH



We honor how hard our youth work during the school year, so summer is a time to rest and reconnect. However, when we see the whites of their eyes, it's game on! We try to provide experiences for our residents they may not otherwise be exposed to. This year we're doing activities like...

- rafting trips
- lake days
- mini golf
- laser tag
- obstacle courses

Through these adventures, we're building joy, self-worth, and lasting memories.

Great Fish Community Challenge

From August 12 to September 12, we're joining 85 other nonprofits in the Flathead Valley for the 10th Annual Great Fish Community Challenge. This is your opportunity to:

1. Learn about local programs making a difference
2. Multiply your impact with matching funds from the Whitefish Community Foundation



Donations to the Flathead Youth Home supports kids as they rewrite stories of brokenness and trauma, as together, we invest in the life-changing work of providing youth a home where hurts are healed, trust is rebuilt, and a brighter future is possible.

Donations may be made beginning August 12th [here](#).



Visit Us at the Juice Junction!

Throughout the Great Fish Challenge, our "Squeeze Squad" (kids, staff, and Advisory Board members) will be hosting an upscale Lemonade Stand, or Lemonade Junction, at our home.

If you stop by our stand, you will also have an opportunity to make a donation to our home through the Great Fish Community Challenge!

Details:



- 825 E Oregon Street, Kalispell
- Tuesdays: August 19 & 26, 12–2 PM
- Enjoy fresh-squeezed lemonade, rotating fruit juices, & homemade baked goods
- Donate via check, QR code, or our online portal & support FYH through the Great Fish Challenge

Other Youth Homes Events



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.

Find out more information [here](#).

Your Support Matters

Our impact is made possible through the generosity and commitment of supporters like **you**. **Thank you** for standing with Youth Homes and the youth we serve.



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