

Did you know?

There are over **1600 high school student that are at-risk or currently homeless?** That's just in Siskiyou, Tehama, and Shasta Counties. Often times these numbers are higher, since they are self reported. As Children First has grown, our vision to increase the scope of services to children, including those outside the foster system, has expanded. In late 2017, the Solutions for Youth Fund (SYF) was formed to meet the immediate needs of teens who are at-risk of homelessness.

“She literally cried tears of joy when she looked at her new jeans, shoes and other items. ‘It’s better than Christmas...better than my last 5 Christmas’ all together. Thank you so much!”

Since it's beginning in October 2017, SYF has helped over **233 students** at 16 different schools. SYF has spent \$45,650.93 on these children. This amounts to \$2,853.18 per school and **\$195.92 per student** request!

Be the Solution!

The cycle of homelessness can end, but only with help from our community.

“He was so happy with all of his new stuff. He LOVED his shoes! He put them on as soon as I gave them to him. He was wearing his sisters’ shoes today, and not happy about it at all! Thank you so much for all that you do to help our students out!”

Today, we embark on our Year-End Campaign. Our goal is to provide care for 150 more youth in need by raising \$30,000 by December 31st, but we can't do it without your help. To reach this goal, we are asking the community for a tax-deductible donation in lieu of physical presents for Christmas.

To learn more about the Solutions for Youth Fund, visit www.SolutionsForYouth.org, and for donation information please contact:

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