



HOST HOMES

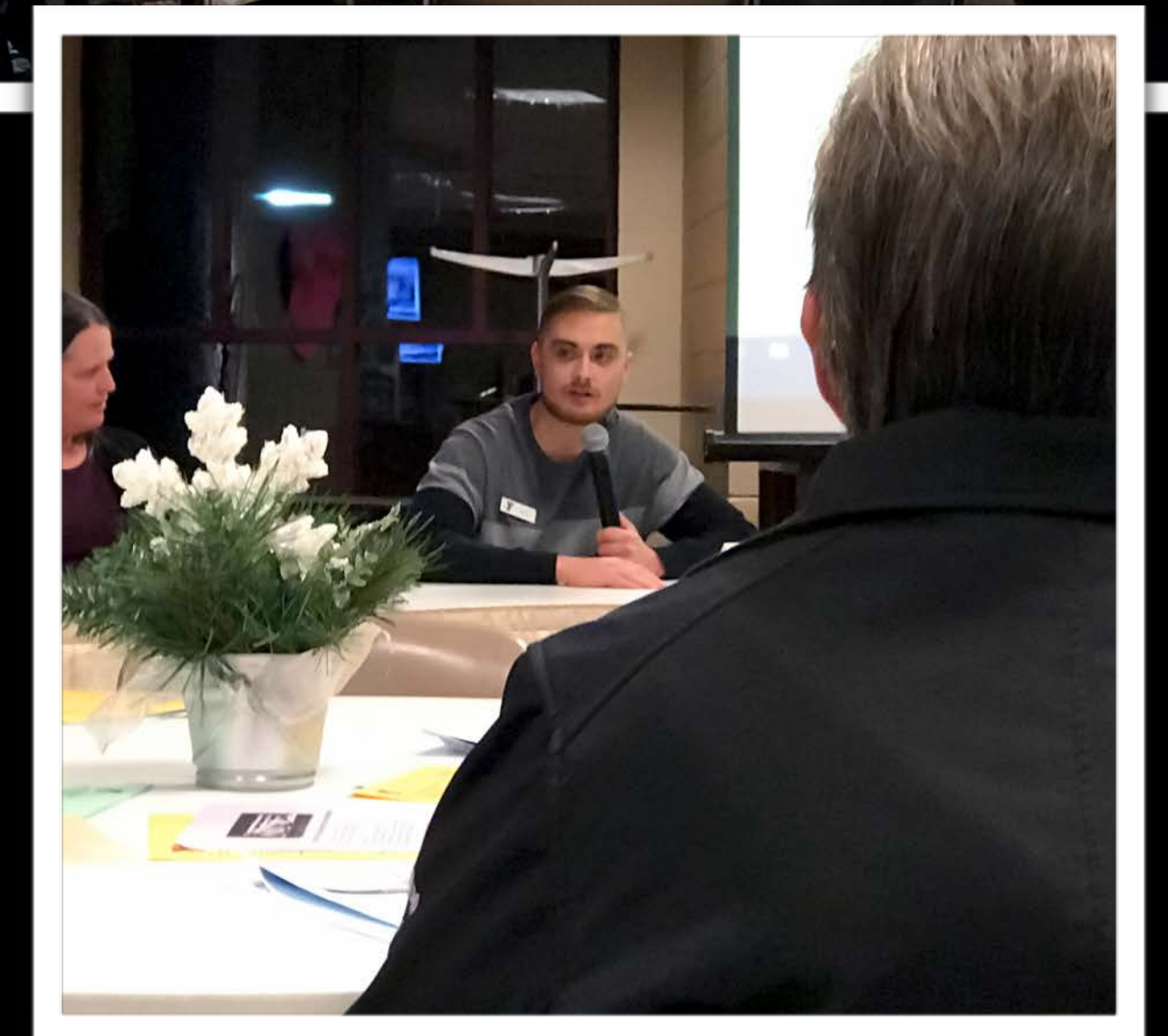
A PROGRAM SUPPORTING
DAKOTA COUNTY YOUTH
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS





ABOUT US

Our group is made up of volunteer community members, service providers, and members of the faith community. We have worked closely with Dakota County staff to launch a Host Homes program in Dakota County, modeled after ones run in Hennepin County by organizations like the YMCA and Avenues for Youth.

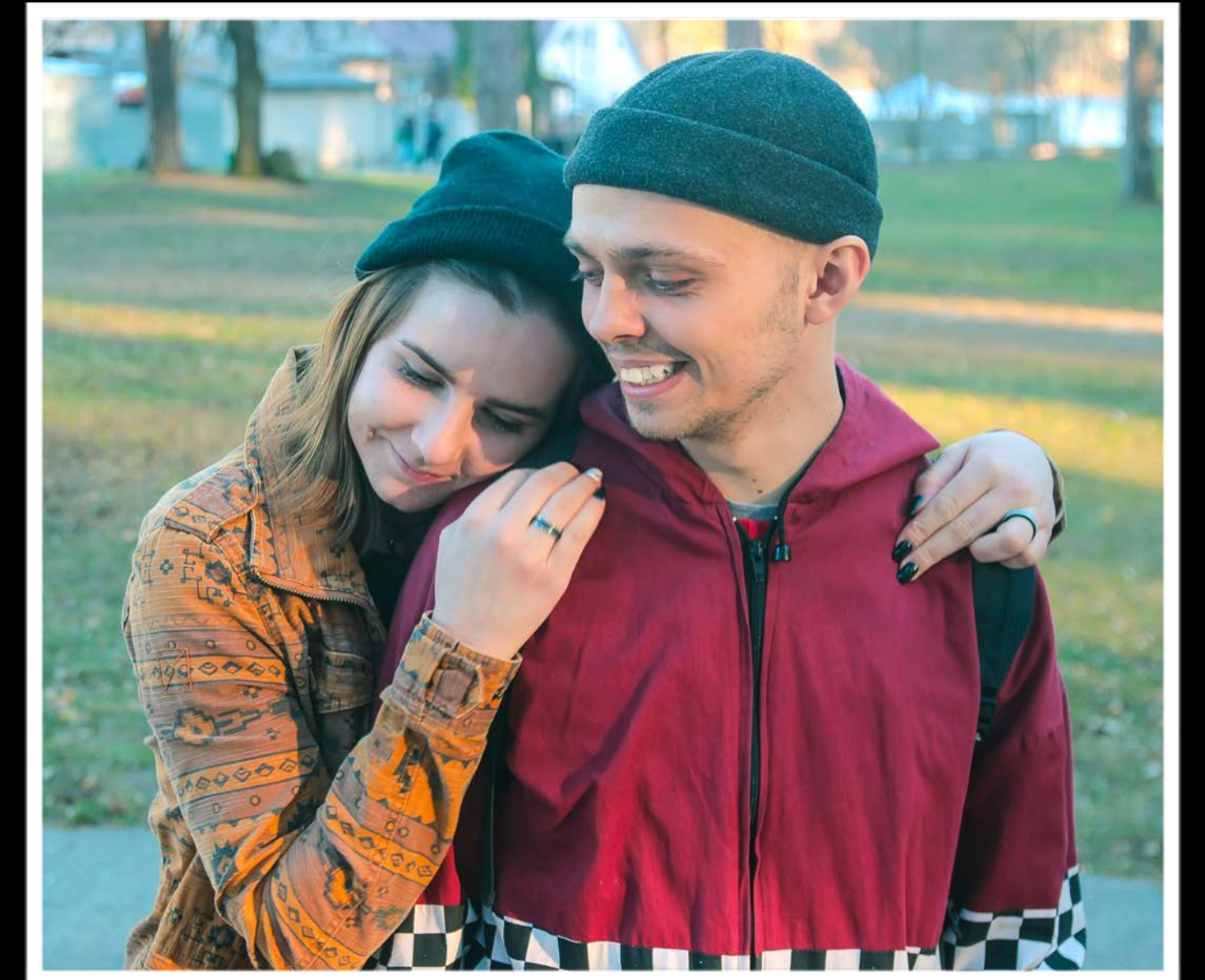
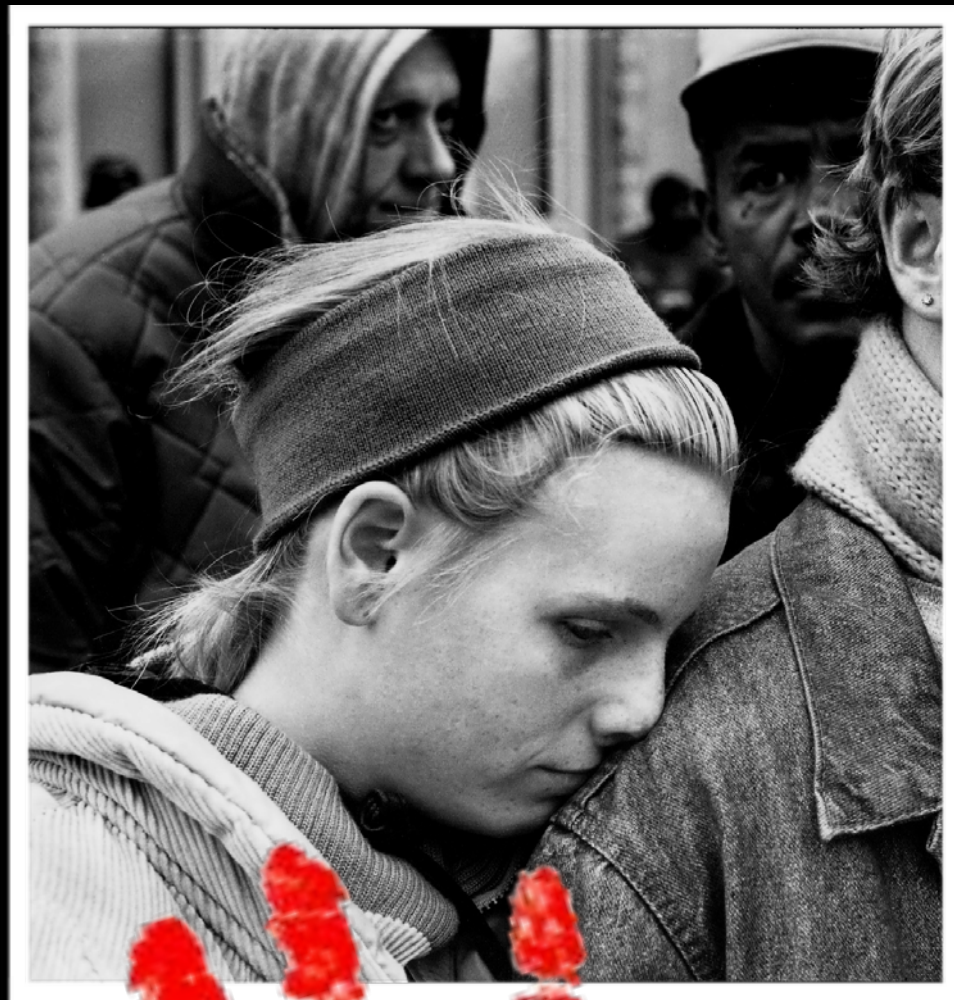




2019 ANNUAL YOUTH STATS

*C.O.R.E. Drop-In, Outreach,
Assessment & Case Management*

- 233 unrepeated youth contacts
- 121 youth assessed/reassessed by CE
- 49 were employed, 16 had government assistance, 56 had no income
- 18 LGBTQ+, 103 Non-LGBTQ+
- 100 single youth, 21 in families



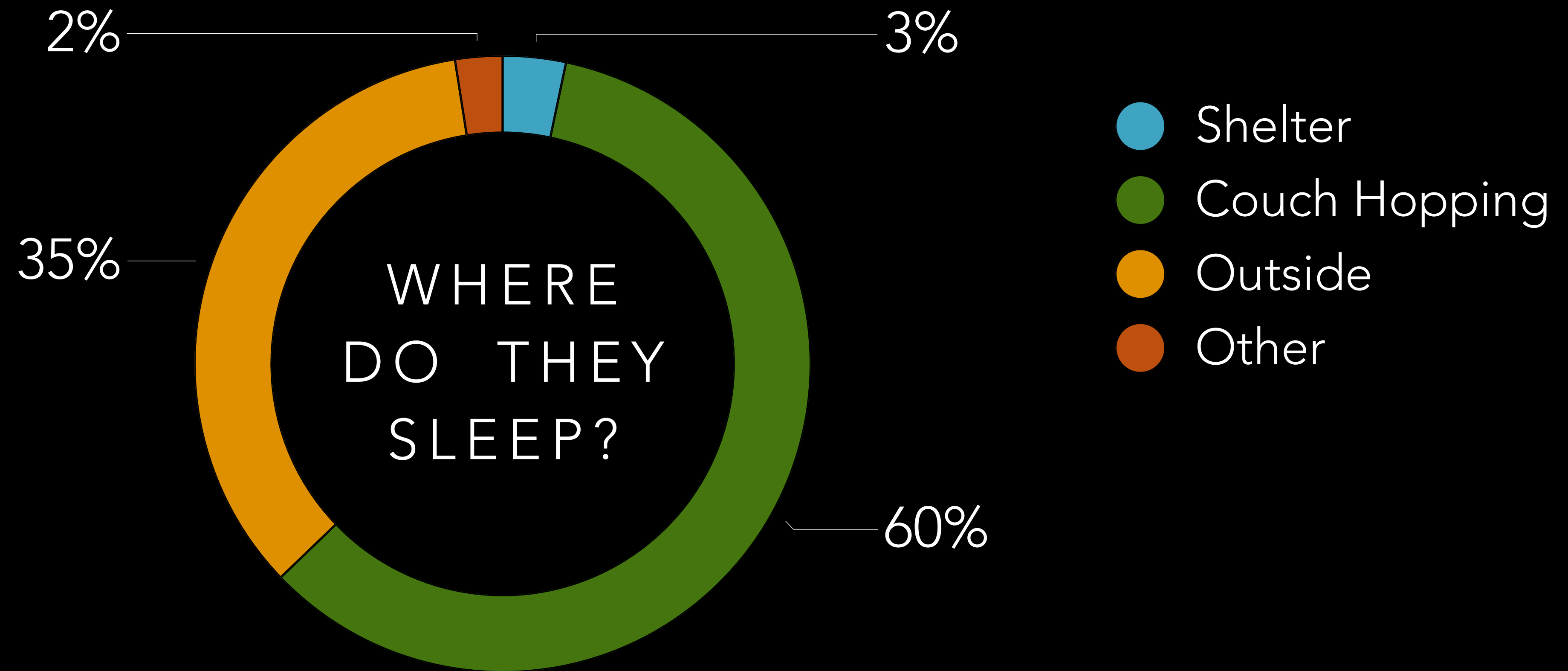


Homeless Status

HUD: 42

LTH: 31

Chronic: 7





ABOUT HOST HOMES

- The YMCA Host Homes program matches teens and young adults (ages 16-24), who are unstably housed or at risk of losing their housing with a caring and supportive host family.
- Host families are volunteers from the community who willingly offer a room in their home to provide safe, short-term housing and support to young people as they work toward gaining stability and becoming independent.
- On any given night, an estimated **6,000 Minnesota youth and young adults** experience homelessness with ***only around 100 youth shelter beds.***





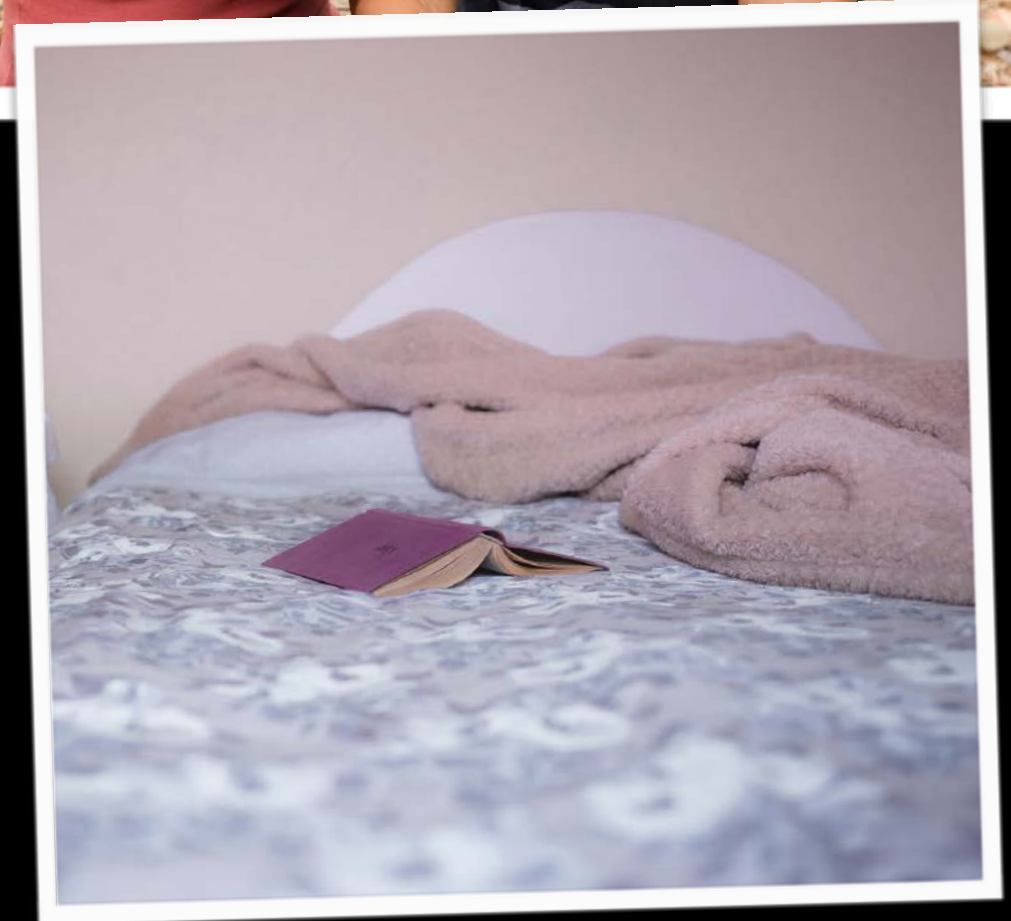
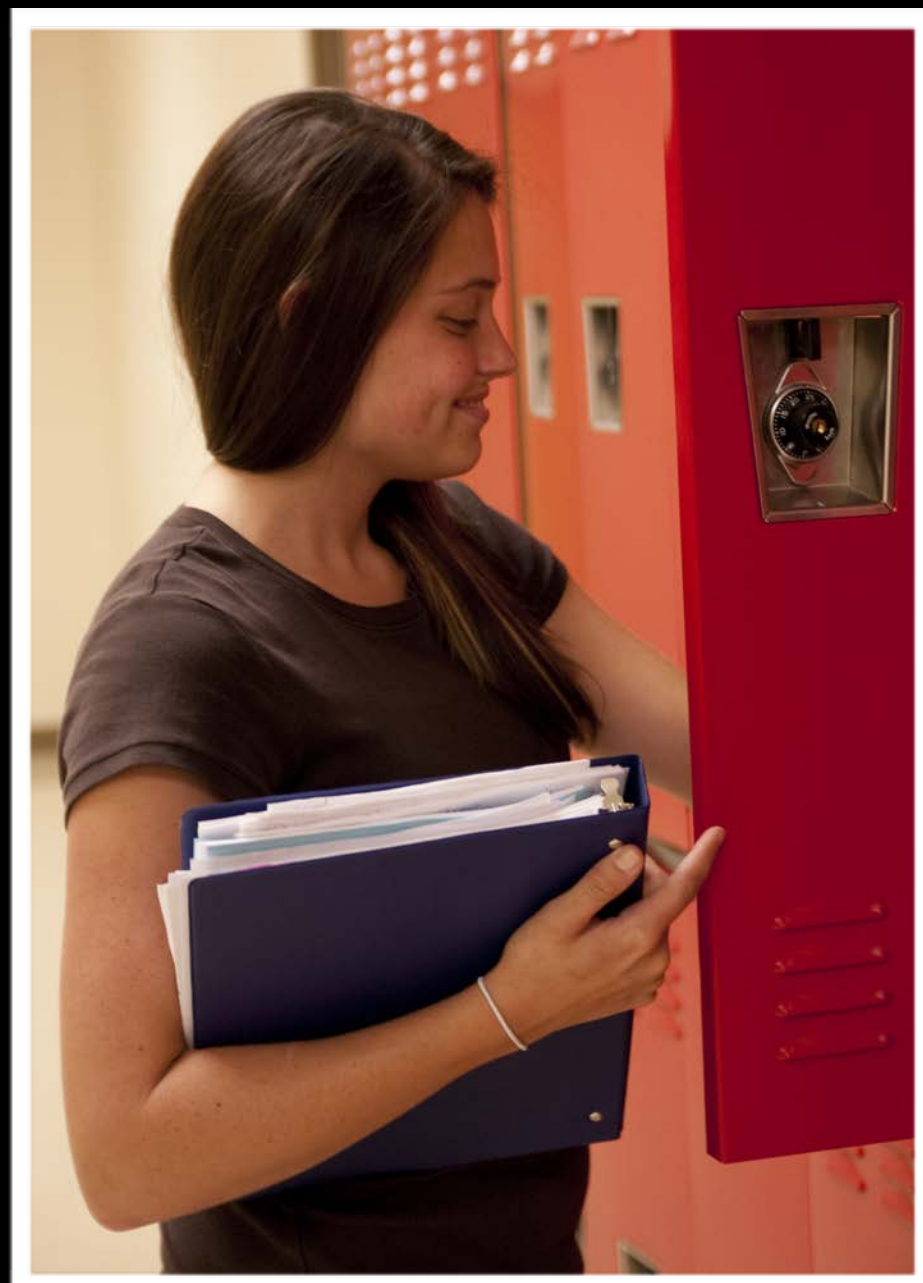
ABOUT HOST HOMES

WHO ARE HOSTS?

- 21 years or older
- Live within Hennepin, Anoka, Suburban Ramsey, and Dakota counties
- Has a spare bedroom in their home
- Pass a background and reference check
- Has homeowner/renters insurance

WHO ARE PARTICIPANTS?

- 16-24 years of age
- Unhoused or at risk of housing instability
- Willing to work with a case manager
- Working toward housing, education, employment or other stabilizing goals.





VIDEO

JASMINE'S STORY

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/L4XD0M5TYQ4](https://youtu.be/L4XD0M5TYQ4)



WHAT IS NEEDED



- 1. Host Homes Recruitment**
- 2. Financial Support**
- 3. Community Support (host home buddies, etc.).**



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WHAT IS NEEDED



Host Homes Recruitment: Volunteers willing to temporarily host a young person are a critical need to start this program.

There is also need to recruit hosts that reflect youth experience, such as persons of color, and LGBTQ. Potential host homes must also be trained, screened and matched with young persons seeking temporary homes.

WHAT IS NEEDED



Host Home Buddies: Volunteers who help support host home families in various ways are needed. Support could include donations of food/meals, gift cards for the young person, transportation help, limited financial support, and potentially short-term hosting.

Buddies can help support a family who is willing to host a young person however may not have the financial means to meet all the youth's needs. Host Home Buddies can also help financially support youth service providers.

WHAT IS NEEDED



Financial support: Community financial support is needed to start the program and for on-going support.

We estimate annual costs of \$45,000 to operate the program:

- **\$40,000** to support staffing costs for one full-time case manager to provide case management and services to youth in the program.
- **\$4,000** for recruitment and training of host homes, including screening costs for hosts, such as background checks and interviews with potential hosts.
- **\$1,000** to pay youth stipends to help educate the community, build community support, and help recruit host homes. Youth will be paid for their time to speak at events, share their experience, and advise on program design.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO GET INVOLVED



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QUESTIONS?

