

**SILENT EPIDEMIC:  
TEENS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE AND  
HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH**



**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CREATE  
SOLUTIONS FOR OUR HOMELESS YOUTH!**



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Where our money goes- This list is an example of what it costs to support our kids@ Forward Paths foundation

- \$50 is the cost of a driver's license
- \$100 pays for a uniform and shoes for a job or training class
- \$150 pays the utilities bill for a month for a student's apartment
- \$250 is the amount needed for car insurance
- \$450 covers the rent for a 1 bedroom apartment
- \$500 is the amount needed to cover books for a semester of school
- \$750 pays the rent for 2 students in an apartment
- \$850 covers a (CNA) technical course not covered by tuition waivers or exemptions
- \$2,000 covers the rent, and deposits on setting an apartment up for 2 students
- \$5,000 helps buy a car for a student who needs to travel for school
- \$10,000 is the amount for room and board and most expenses for 1 student per year

Forward Paths Foundation has taken an exciting step in our pursuit to improve the lives of Lake County's homeless unaccompanied youth and youth aging out of foster care. The Lack of safe and affordable housing is a huge barrier to a youth's ability to achieve self-sufficiency. The need for secure housing is immediate. The board and staff of Forward Paths developed a two phased housing plan to address this issue.

Phase 1 of Forward Paths Housing campaign is to purchase a centrally located 16 unit apartment complex where several of our youth now live. Our goal is to raise \$730,000.

Phase 2 of our plan builds a micro community designed to meet the unique needs of our youth. This micro community will host 450 sq. ft. cottages for youth, larger units for house parents, a GED center, community room and garden, and Forward Paths Office. We believe this micro community will be a beacon of hope for not only our youth but also our community.

**Items we are collecting for the Forward Paths foundation...**

Hygiene Products - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, facial creams, facial products, shaving products, deodorant & etc. (for both men & women).

Household needs - Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Bleach, etc.

Paper Products - Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.