

Invest in the Future of Our Communities

Youth Services 50th Anniversary Endowment Campaign



Overview

For five decades Youth Services has been a critical safety net, ensuring that local families have someone to turn to in a crisis. We are there to catch young people when they stumble on the path to adulthood. At our best, we are a catalyst for change, equipping youth with resilience, and helping them feel a sense of belonging and purpose.

By investing generously in Youth Services' Endowment Fund Campaign, you will ensure that Youth Services will be here to serve the next generations, no matter what societal challenges we face. When you consider that client fees cover a meager 1% of our budget and federal funding only 8% you can understand the importance of local individual and businesses investing in our future generations right here in Windham County.

While the principal from your gift grows untouched, the income from the Endowment Fund will provide discretionary funds each fiscal year to sustain and innovate programs, cover unanticipated financial emergencies, promote collaboration with other organizations, and permit Youth Services to both retain and attract quality staff while anticipating future needs.

Discretionary funds allow Youth Services to...

Innovate

With your investment, we'll have the capacity to respond to an urgent need, expand a program or test out new and innovative approaches to tackle societal challenges affecting our communities such as generational poverty, youth homelessness, panhandling or the opioid epidemic. A healthy endowment can also provide a helpful measure of independence from economic, governmental, and political constraints.

Attract and Retain Staff

Thanks to your infusion of resources, we can attract and retain the best employees, offering competitive salaries and annual increases. We can keep pace with the ever-rising cost of health insurance, workers compensation and the agency's liability insurance thanks to the compounding investments of the Fund.

Collaborate

It is in everybody's interest to pool our administration resources and ensure unduplicated services with our fellow nonprofits. Deepening collaboration and fiscal sponsorship of smaller shops saves overhead costs for everyone. Planned long-term stability and financial viability enhances Youth Services' prestige and thus credibility ensuring a leadership role on local and regional task forces and the presence of youth voices in decision-making.

Finance Future Capital Needs

By growing the endowment, Youth Services would no longer struggle to cover major expenditures related to improvements and repairs to its physical infrastructure and information technology. A mature endowment can provide annual support for the organization's operating budget, relieving pressure on the annual fund to meet increasing demands. A healthy endowment provides leverage for bond-rating capacity and loans for new facilities.

Cover Emergencies

The cushion of a robust Endowment could preclude the devastating effects of a possible sudden loss of a funding source, the reality of a pandemic, the emergence of a situation related to the organization's building or technology infrastructure, or the need for an immediate response to a youth crisis in our community. In summary, endowment income provides monies to meet immediate unanticipated needs.

To contribute to Youth Services' Endowment Campaign, complete the enclosed card, or contact Youth Services' Development Director at (802) 257-0361 x147 or email info@youthservicesinc.org

"The measure of any community is how well it provides for its young people."

~ Larry Cassidy



"If you can keep on giving after you're gone, why not help the one aspect of a society that can help ensure it has a positive future - its youth?"

~ Jesse Corum IV

Give or Pledge today on-line at youthservicesinc.org/endowment

Contributions can be made in honor of or in memory of individual(s), families or businesses. You can also designate your contribution to the Larry Cassidy Fund, the Jesse Corum IV Fund or simply the Youth Services' Endowment.



The Larry Cassidy Fund

Together with several other concerned community members, Larry Cassidy helped start Youth Services when he was only 22 years old. A strategic thinker possessing exceptionally strong people skills, Larry served for years on the board of this critical community resource. At one point, he stepped in as interim director to help insure the integrity of Youth Services. Larry is a professional mediator and he owned and ran BAST Investment Company, a property management firm, until he retired. He is lending his ongoing support as a board member emeritus. “Contributors to this Endowment campaign will be making an investment not just in our young people’s future but in our own,” he said.



The Jesse Corum IV Fund

A widely respected litigator in Brattleboro, the late Jesse Corum IV was the organization’s first board member emeritus after having served on the board for three decades. He helped start Court Diversion statewide, advocating that low-level crimes committed by juveniles were better served outside of the courts. Jesse put his heart and soul into making the organization what it is today, according to a former board president. He was an unabashed fundraiser and a charter member of Youth Services’ Legacy Club, making known his intention to leave Youth Services a bequest.



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