

Our Mission Statement

- » Facilitating life transitions for at-risk and vulnerable youth.

Our Guiding Principles

- » All people have the right to be loved and treated with respect and dignity.
- » Every youth should be able to find shelter, food, warmth, and caring adults whenever they need it.
- » Our actions should reflect our beliefs.

Volunteer Spotlight



Glenn the Cookie Guy

A few times a month we are visited by our "Cookie Guy", Glenn. He brings baked goods to The Door and our mouths start watering immediately. Whether it be molasses cookies, oatmeal cranberry or banana bread, Glenn's baked goods have a reputation with kids and staff. All it takes is a cookie and a glass of milk to brighten our days at The Door.

Sheltering At-Risk Teens in Our Community



Fairbanks Youth Advocates is a 501c3 non-profit, governed by a board of directors. All contributions are tax deductible. We are licensed by the State of Alaska as a Residential Child Care Facility with a specialization in Emergency Shelter Care and Emergency Shelter Care for Runaway Youth.

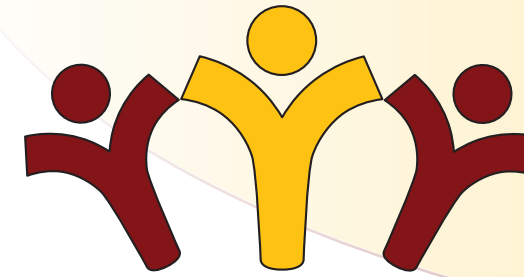
Your Abundant **GIVING**

See our website for needed items



Not a day slips by without community members dropping off items at the shelter. Sometimes it is a bag of fresh apples or snacks, sometimes it is laundry detergent or a clothing item. Because of YOUR generosity we are able to support our community beyond shelter.

Just in the last few months we have provided groceries and winter clothes for clients of other local agencies. We supplied this year's Project Homeless Connect—an event focused on meeting and counting the homeless adult population—with winter coats and boots. When a local school principal reached out asking for school supplies and warm gloves and scarves, we were able to meet that need. As you continue to give, we continue to support our own mission and others also in need. It does take a village.



FAIRBANKS YOUTH ADVOCATES

Facilitating life transitions for at risk youth

2017 SUSTAINABILITY

Growing Pains



Director Marylee Bates

You may have noticed that our administration office has moved from the brown house at 132 to the green house at 122, 10th Ave. We did this in order to make the former office space available for houseparent living. This is part of our expense reduction and sustainability plan. Our houseparent lives in one of the available rooms, and we are currently seeking two more houseparents to fulfill our plan.

There are intrinsic benefits to having staff on-site. We all know that Fairbanks can deliver some hazardous weather conditions which makes travel difficult and sometimes dangerous. Having staff living on-site allows us to avoid schedule interruptions as a result of this. As an emergency shelter, the fewer things we have to worry about allows us to focus on quality care without disruption.

All of that to say—I have become a bit of a wanderer as we work towards a more sustainable model. I can be found at The Door most mornings, and at my new office in the afternoon. Growing pains—but good growing pains! Thank you for growing with us.

~ do justly, love mercy, walk humbly

Marylee

Abby's Pool Party

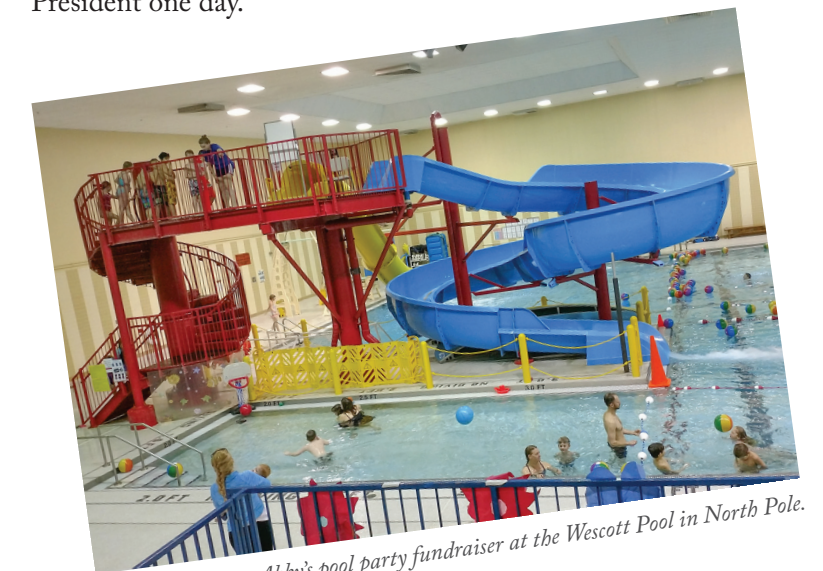
Abby is a 6th grade student at Chinook Charter School, and for her school's Passage Project, she held a Pool Party fundraiser for The Door. She held the event at the Wescott Pool in North Pole and invited the public to come.



Abby and her mom

Abby had the help of many local community members, including Mayor Matherly who DJ'ed the event. There was crafts for nonswimmers, raffles, food, and beachballs for all.

Thank you Abby and your team of supporters, you won our hearts with your smile and tenacity! We expect to see YOU as President one day.



Abby's pool party fundraiser at the Wescott Pool in North Pole.

Staff Spotlight



Director Marylee Bates & Christina

This past year Fairbanks Youth Advocates hosted Christina, an Americorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) to help build our capacity. Christina facilitated the volunteer groups that built our new Green Space, managed social media, and researched and developed a plan for a youth centric campus which included a social enterprise/employment project. On March 6th, Christina will pass the torch to Julie who is joining us from Minnesota. We look forward to year number two of this VISTA project, and wish Christina the best as she continues her journey.

Parent Voices

"Thank You so much for your program. I was so worried at first that she (daughter) would just be running around, but when we saw the place and that you have structure, we felt good about it. It was exactly what our family needed at the time."

Youth Voices

"I haven't slept that good in a long, long, long time."

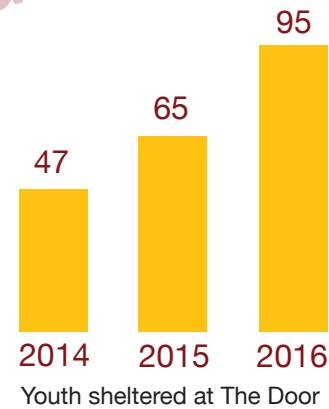
"Everyone is so nice here—the space is so beautiful too!"

"Thank you for helping me and my sister—the staff here are the best."

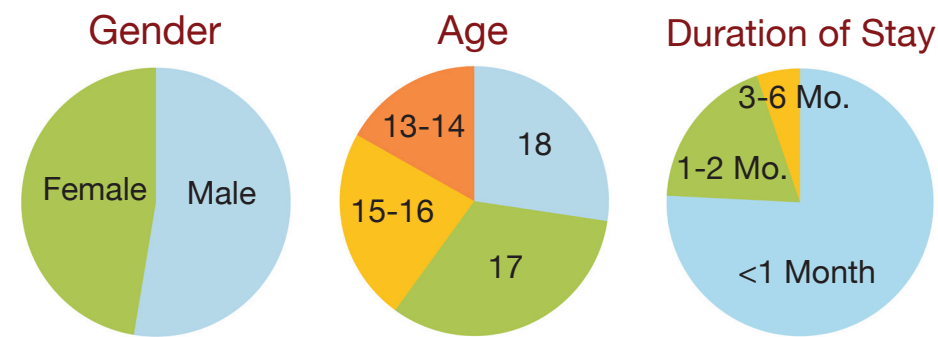
2016 Youth Statistics

Growing... Growing... Growing...

The Door emergency youth shelter officially opened in April of 2014. Since that day, we have learned a tremendous amount about providing shelter for the teens in our community. As we grow, more kids are receiving vital services every year.

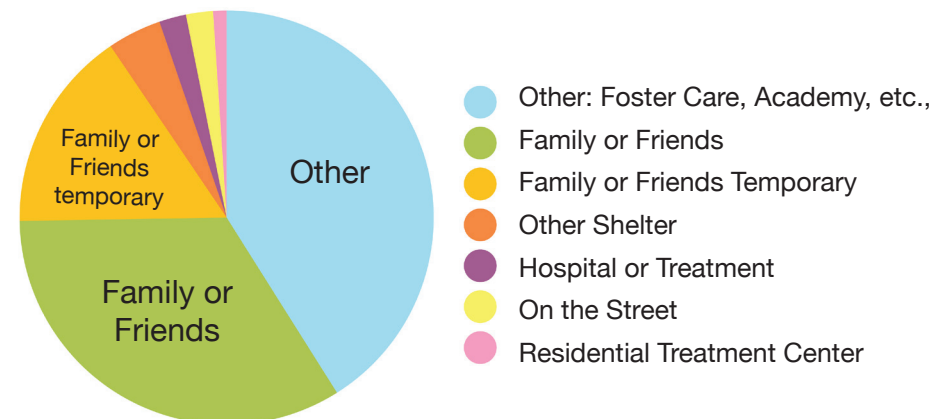


We still encounter kids who have never heard about The Door, and we continue to expand our outreach. We are open to serve them 24-7. While gender and ages have remained similar to previous years, we are now re-connecting kids with long term housing much more quickly.



After the Door?

We often receive questions about where kids go once they leave The Door. Tracking this information can be difficult, but we consider it very important. We will continue to refine this challenging data collection and recording process. Mediation services played a role in working through many family conflicts, and we worked consistently with other local agencies that provide long term housing as a 'next step' after The Door.

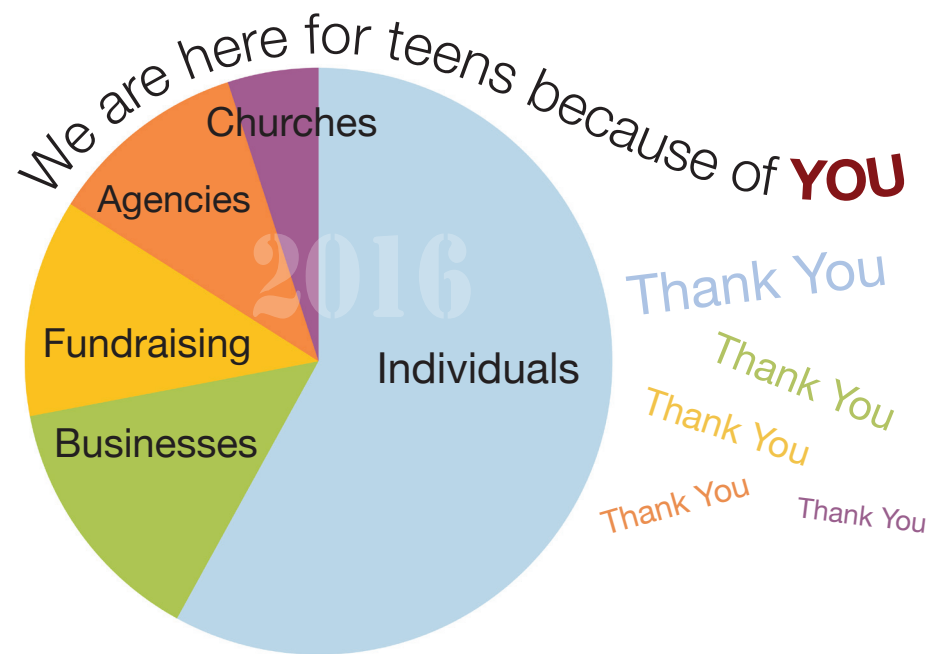


Your Donations

If there is one thing that is crystal clear to all of us at FYA, it is that there is no possible way that we could do what we do for the teens in our community without You. We exist because we believe that the safety and well-being of kids is of absolute importance and our mission is one that reaches beyond politics, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religion. All teens are welcome at The Door should they need overnight emergency shelter or just a pair of warm mittens and hot soup.

"Our sustainability is directly connected to our partnership with you."

You are an amazing and powerful force of support. You donate food, baked goods and clothing; you support us through prayer, financial giving, kind words, and encouragement. While we still rely partly on grants for our services, our community donor base continues to grow every year. Our sustainability is directly connected to our partnership with all of you who support this important mission.



Finding his Way

On Logan's 18th birthday, staff at The Door prepared his favorite breakfast—waffles and bacon. He was heard singing as he got ready for the day and yelled down the stairs to staff, "That smells so good! I've never celebrated my birthday before." Now 18 and no longer at the shelter, Logan left a legacy of memories that the staff fondly recall.

"I've never celebrated my birthday before."

He first stayed at The Door in the fall of 2015, but when his family moved out of state it became his residence for nearly a year. When discussing his goals, he wants to get a job and join the military after high school graduation!

Logan currently attends the Military Youth Academy, and sends letters frequently to his "Shelter Moms." He beams with pride and ambition; he has been promoted and will graduate this month from the Academy. Thanks to you we are able to help kids like Logan stay safe until they find their way in the world.



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Pick. Click. Give.

We are entering our second year on Pick Click Give. Thank you to last year's supporters. Please consider donating to FYA through this fantastic program.

IRA Smart Giving

By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) amount without reporting additional income. Consult a tax professional for additional information.

Upcoming Events www.facebook.com/fairbanksyouthadvocates

Paint the Doors Art Contest

Join us for our first Paint The Doors art contest! The event will be held at our new park on 126 10th Ave., Saturday, May 13. Check our website for details on how to enter your [#PAINTTHEDOORS](https://twitter.com/PAINTTHEDOORS)

Faith Walk/Run

Celebrate spring and support FYA by running or walking in our second annual event held on May 27.



We are seeking to grow our Board, consider joining us. See our website for details.