



Y2Y NETWORK
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ADAPTING TO CHANGE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

No young person should have to experience homelessness. Period.

Reflecting on 2021 at Y2Y, we are in awe of the **resilience and strength** our guests have displayed in the face of impossible challenges.

This year was unkind to young unhoused people. It also proved challenging to Y2Y's operations. From 2020 to 2021, in Boston, **the number of persons living unsheltered on the streets increased by 26%**, even as mounting economic hardship pushed more young people to the brink of eviction. New variants of COVID-19 threatened the health and safety of our guests and staff and prompted new questions about Y2Y's future. We are **so proud** of our youth staff and directors, who continue to conduct shelter operations with compassion and intelligence.

In New Haven, Connecticut, we launched a successful pilot program in preparation to open Y2Y's second site. This site, once active, will achieve **functional zero for youth homelessness in Greater New Haven**. This means that for every young person sleeping on the street in the region, a bed will be available.

Political, public health and economic conditions continue to be in flux. In 2021, we rose to the occasion by adapting our service delivery model, activating and strengthening community partnerships, and embarking on **exciting and innovative new initiatives**, which we are so pleased to share with you in this report.


Every young person deserves a safe and fulfilling future.

With your help, we can end youth homelessness in Boston,
New Haven and beyond.

In solidarity,

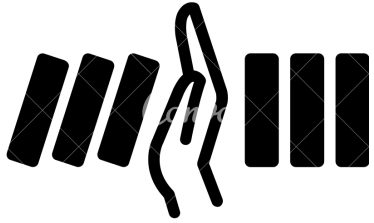


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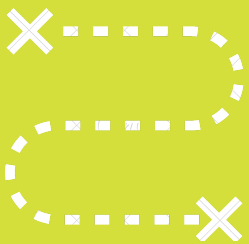
OUR MISSION



Y2Y Network is building student-led programming to **interrupt the cycle** of homelessness for a generation of young adults.



We employ a **youth-to-youth model** to provide a safe and affirming environment for young adults 18-24 experiencing homelessness.



Y2Y guests have opportunities to collaborate with their peers and our partners to create **sustainable pathways** out of homelessness.



Y2Y provides opportunities for both guests and volunteers to become the next generation's **leading advocates** for youth-driven solutions to homelessness.

DIGNITY &
SANCTUARY
ARE
HERE

WHY YOUTH?

No young person should have to experience homelessness.

There are three primary reasons for homelessness among young adults:

Home is not safe.

Before leaving home, up to

60%

of homeless youth report experiencing

physical abuse

and as many as 35% report experiencing sexual violence.

Home is not supportive.

As many as

40%

of homeless youth identify as

LGBTQ+

Family rejection is the most common cause of homelessness among LGBTQ+ youth.

Home doesn't exist.

As many as

46%

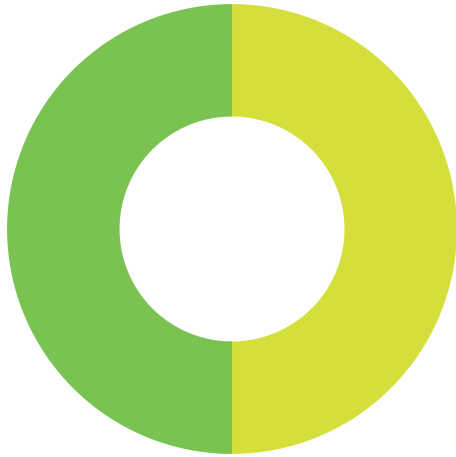
of young adults aging out of

foster care

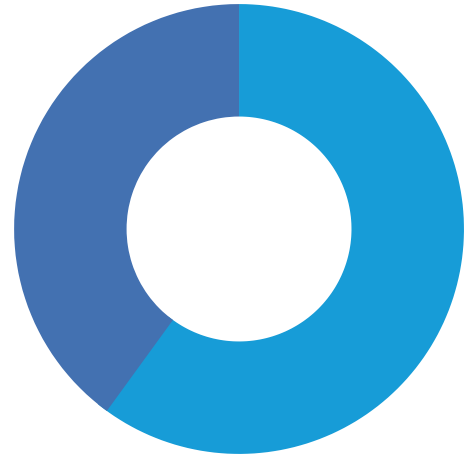
experience homelessness before age 26



WHO ARE OUR GUESTS?

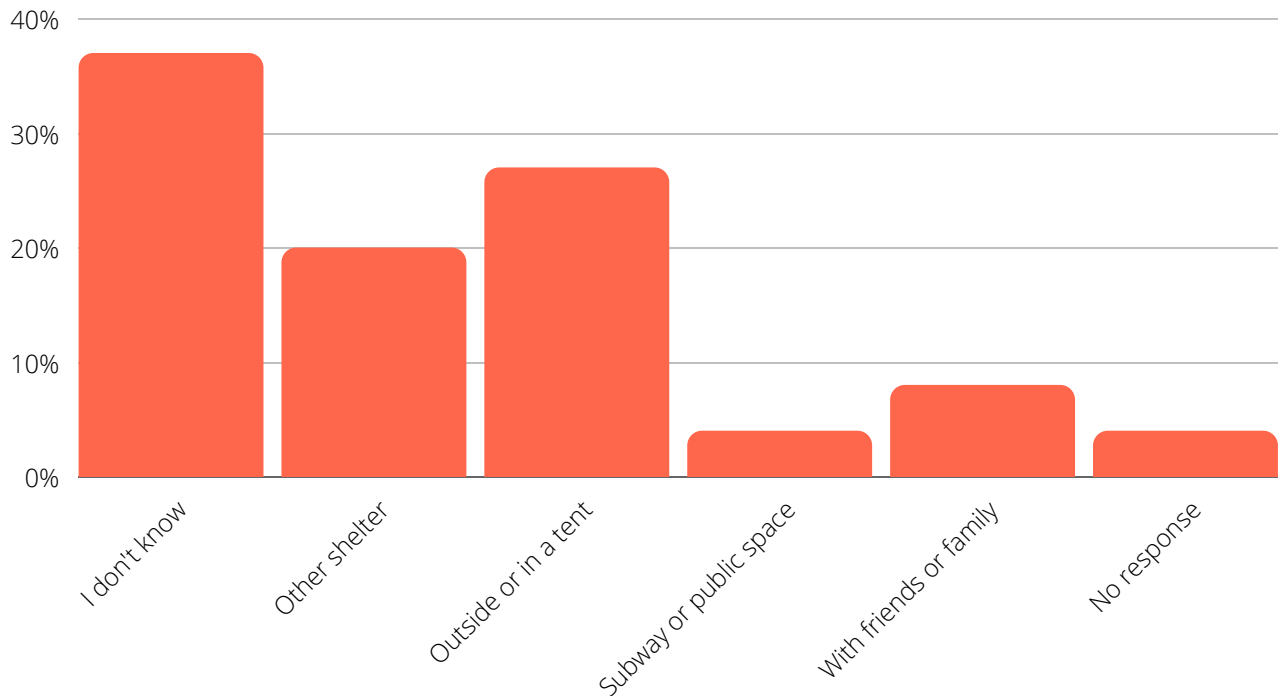


50% of Y2Y guests have experience in the **foster care** system.



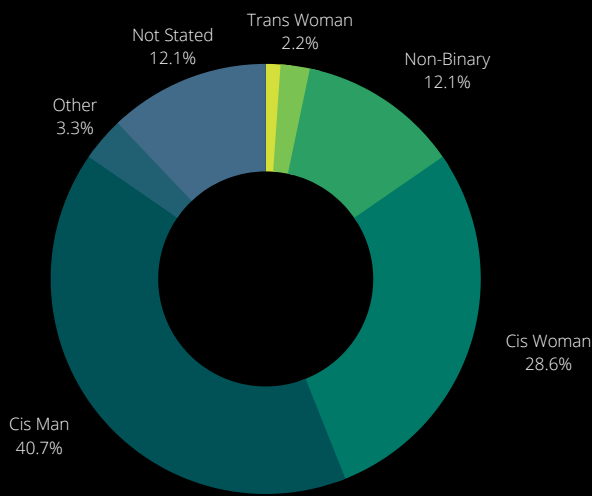
60% of Y2Y guests meet the criteria for **chronic homelessness**.

WHERE WOULD YOU SLEEP IF NOT FOR Y2Y?



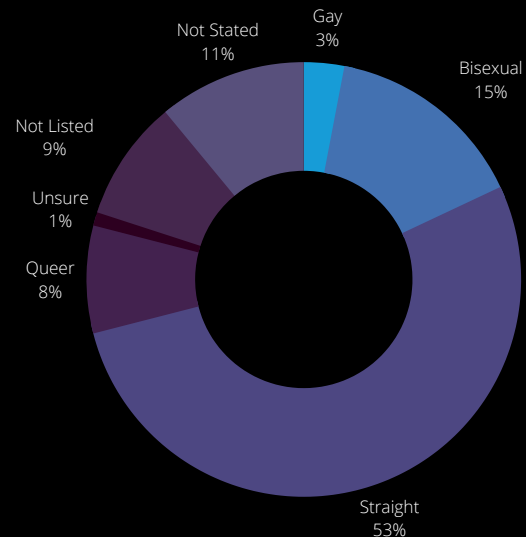


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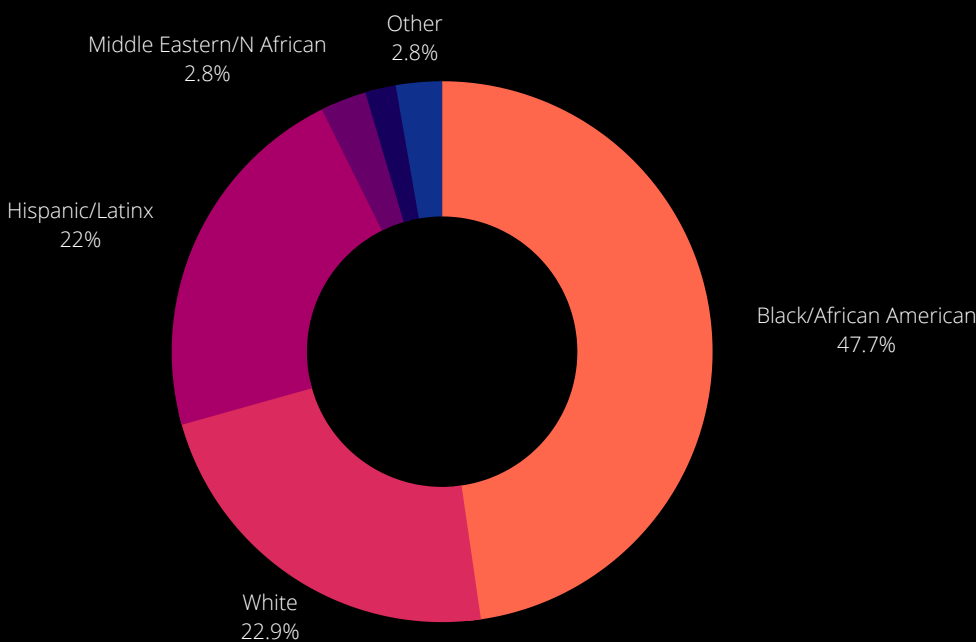
GENDER

Y2Y is the region's only gender-inclusive youth shelter, providing specific services to support **gender-expansive** guests and guests of trans experience.



SEXUAL ORIENTATION

LGBTQ+ youth are significantly more likely to experience housing instability. Y2Y provides safe and affirming shelter and services designed to support guests of **queer experience**.



RACE & ETHNICITY

The majority of Y2Y guests are persons of color. Youth of color experience homelessness and housing insecurity at an alarming rate compared to the general population. Y2Y approaches all work with a **racial justice** approach that centers the most highly impacted people.

WHAT Y2Y OFFERS

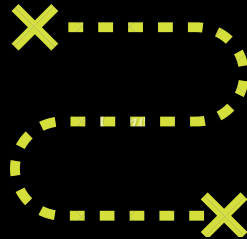


SANCTUARY

A **30-day stay** in a safe, welcoming and vibrant space designed by youth with lived experience.

Showers, gender-inclusive bathrooms, laundry services, healthy meals and other **basic needs support**.

Trauma-informed approaches to care and services



PATHWAYS

Student-led **case management**.

Onsite medical and mental **health care**.

Skills workshops, professional development opportunities and legal aid.



ADVOCACY

Y2Y guests and student volunteers work together to **shape policies** that affect youth experiencing homelessness.

Both guests and students have the opportunity to become leaders in **creating social change** by bringing their own experience to the table.



GUEST EXPERIENCE

102

**UNIQUE GUESTS
SERVED**



80%

**FELT SAFE OR
VERY SAFE**



12

**OBTAINED
HOUSING**

Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE

Y2Y Harvard Square is **the nation's first** student-run overnight program for young adults experiencing homelessness.

We opened our doors in December 2015 based on the belief that all young people deserve a **safe place to sleep** and **access to resources** needed to meet their highest potential.

Since opening, we have supported **more than 700 young people** with sanctuary, pathways out of homelessness, and advocacy and leadership development opportunities at Y2Y Harvard Square.



PARTNERS

Phillips Brooks House Association

Y2Y Harvard Square is supported by the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA). They strive to provide student-led programming to meet pressing community needs and advocate for structural change.

Community Partners

- Circle of Hope
- First Parish Church
- Furnishing Hope
- Food for Free
- Eliot Mental Health
- Harvard Law School
- Liberty Village
- More Than Words
- Somerville Housing Coalition
- Youth On Fire
- Action for Boston Community Development
- Boston Healthcare for the Homeless
- Bridge Over Troubled Waters
- Cambridge Housing Authority





Y2Y NEW HAVEN

Y2Y New Haven is an ambitious joint initiative led by students across New Haven, CT with the goal of achieving **functional zero** for youth homelessness in the region.

Y2Y New Haven is slated to open in early 2023, and will be staffed collaboratively by professional staff members and highly trained student volunteers, who will form peer-to-peer bonds with guests and support them in building **sustainable pathways out of homelessness**.

This program will offer **24-hour wraparound services** including onsite medical and behavioral health care, LGBTQ+ social and clinical resources, an onsite social enterprise opportunity, and long-term housing navigation services.



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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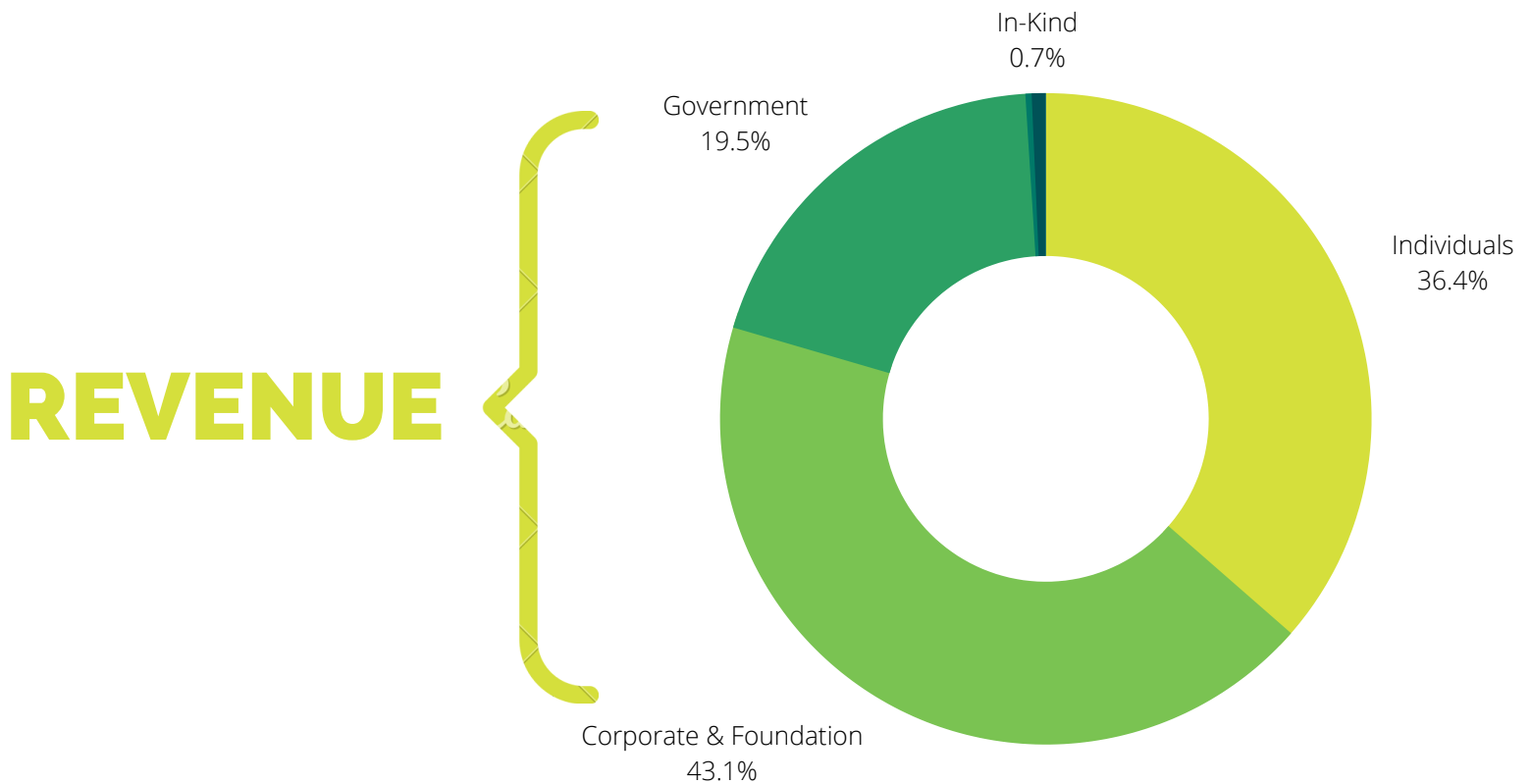
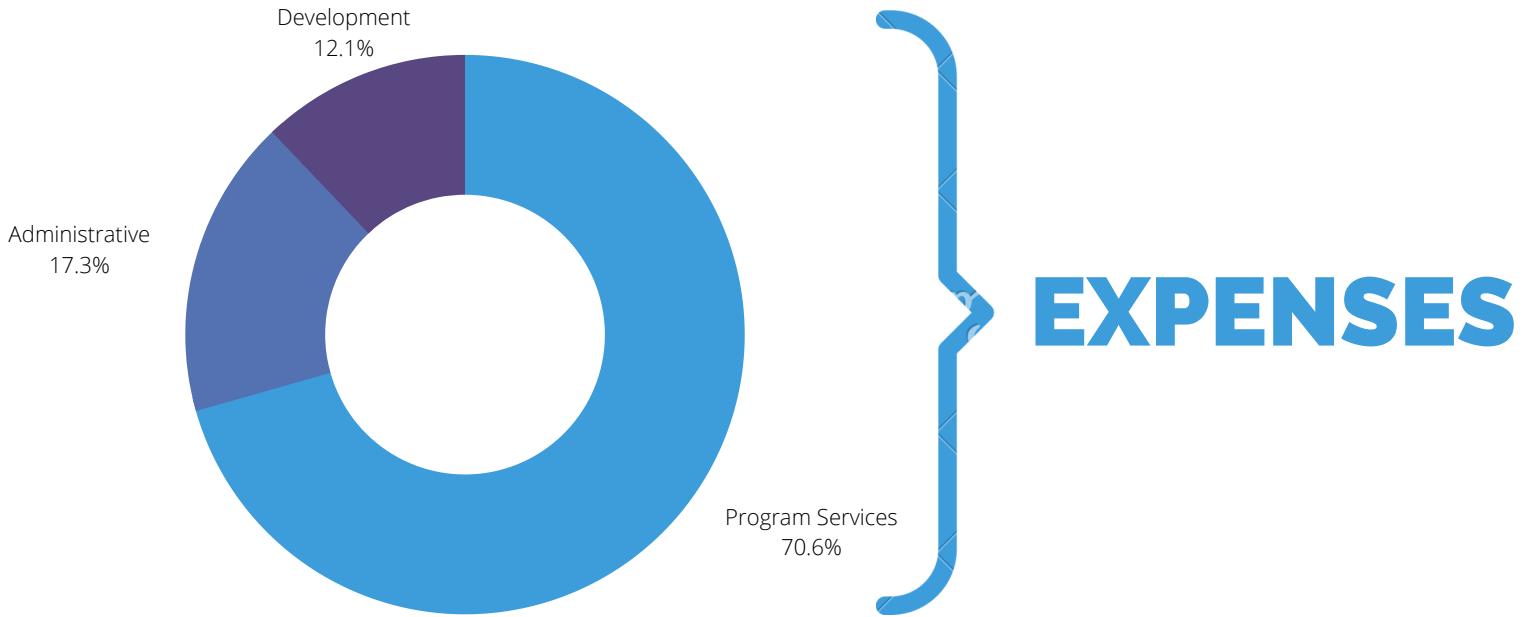
Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE STUDENT DIRECTORS

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Y2Y NEW HAVEN STEERING COMMITTEE

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FINANCIALS



OUR SUPPORTERS

\$50,000+

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\$15,000 - \$49,999

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	First Republic Bank	Tim Albright & Sarah Baker	Foundation

Many individuals and organizations not listed here supported Y2Y in 2020, including some who wished to remain anonymous, those who contributed gifts of less than \$1,000, and those who supported Y2Y by non-philanthropic means. Wherever you fall on this list, your decision to share your time and resources to support young people experiencing homelessness is deeply felt and appreciated. Thank you for advocating for Y2Y and for youth!

We have made our best efforts to list our partners comprehensively, but sometimes our reporting methods fall short. If you feel you have been excluded from this list or that we have made an error, please contact our Development Manager at ari@y2ynetwork.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every year, hundreds of individuals and organizations contribute their **resources**, **time** and **voices** to support Y2Y's mission.

You can **get involved** in one of these ways:

MAKE A GIFT



Visit tinyurl.com/DonateY2Y to make a gift online, send cash or check to the Y2Y office, or contact the Development Manager for more information.

HOST AN EVENT



Organize a house party, fundraiser, or supply drive. Contact the Development Manager to set something up.

BE AN ADVOCATE



Tell your friends, family and community about why you're committed to joining Y2Y in **breaking the cycle** of youth homelessness.

We depend on you, our friends and community, to make sure we have the tools we need to support youth. **Thank you** for helping to keep our doors open!



**YOUNG ADULTS UNITING
TO END HOMELESSNESS**