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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,

Cameron Van Fossen
Executive Director

Bob Giannino
Board Chair
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?

- I don't know: 40%
- Other shelter: 30%
- Outside or in a tent: 20%
- Subway or public space: 10%
- With friends or family: 5%
- No response: 5%

60% of Y2Y guests meet the criteria for chronic homelessness.
WHO ARE OUR GUESTS?

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 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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Bob Giannino** | Chair
- **Skyler Brader** | Treasurer
- **Ayala Livny** | Clerk
- **Tre'Andre Valentine**
- **Sue Dalelio**
- **Maria Dominguez Gray**
- **Siva Emani**
- **Mina Makarious**
- **Genevive Walker**

### NETWORK STAFF

- **Cameron Van Fossen** | Executive Director
- **Mallory St. Brice** | Associate Director
- **Sharon Scott** | Finance & Admin Director
- **Ari Taylor Wolf** | Sr. Manager of Development
- **Kristen Morrow** | Data Manager
- **Matt Barsalou** | Student & Community Coordinator
- **Faiza Hafeez** | Data & Operations Coordinator
- **Nicole Kendall** | Development Associate

### Y2Y HARVARD SQUARE

#### STUDENT DIRECTORS

- **Paula Zhu**
- **Meiyi Yu**
- **Sophia Blyth**
- **Maddie Evans**
- **Jacob Jiminez**
- **Beatrice Farb**
- **Marina Santos**
- **Christian Abney**
- **Daniyal Sachee**
- **Nina Katz-Christy**
- **Evans Berreondo Giron**
- **Mason Burlage**
- **TJ Dulac**
- **Benjamin Chang**
- **Amelia Roth-Dishy**
- **Sanjana Ramrajvel**

### Y2Y NEW HAVEN

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

- **Sarah Guan**
- **Tyler Carey**
- **Ben Cohen**
- **Adnan Askari**
- **Dyuthi Mathews-Tharakan**
- **Nicole Brussel-Faria**
- **Rachel Handler**
- **Clare Boone**
FINANCIALS

REVENUE

EXPENSES

Corporate & Foundation 43.1%
Individuals 36.4%
Government 19.5%
In-Kind 0.7%

Program Services 70.6%
Development 12.1%
Administrative 17.3%
OUR SUPPORTERS

$50,000+

- Amy Palmer
- City of Cambridge
- Steven Bonsey & Elisabeth Keller

$15,000 - $49,999

- Sara Gifford & Victor Allis
- Becky & Michael Oliver
- Kate & Chuck Brizius
- Brian & Stephanie Spector
- Anderson & Krieger LLC

$5,000 - $14,999

- Charles A. Coolidge III
- Gregory Kornbluh
- Janet Roche
- Skyler Brader & Nan Yi
- Noah Yonack
- JDJ City Fund
- Landry Family Foundation
- TimKen Matthews Family Foundation
- The Baupost Group
- Temple & Elizabeth Fennell
- David Evans
- Donna M. Kletijan Charitable Trust
- JV Fund of AYCO
- TJX Foundation
- Lisa Kaneb
- John DiGiovanni
- Lindsay L. and Charles A. Coolidge III Charitable Trust

$1,000 - $4,999

- Alexandra Haagensen
- Joanne Chang
- Timothy Manning
- David McCue
- James Davis
- Josh Levin-Scherz
- The DaCapo Fund
- Castanea Partners
- Justice Resource Institute
- Microsoft
- Alexander Taylor
- Tobias Kasper
- Josh Bhatti
- Gary Gerbrandt
- Ari Lipman
- Dr. Carol Brown
- The Dorothea Royer Endicott Foundation
- Mt. Auburn Hospital
- Pine Tree Foundation
- First Republic Bank
- Gary Blick
- Marilyn Wolfson
- Mina Makarious
- Susan Dalelio
- Kyle Eichner
- Butler Lampson
- Jon Chany Trust
- Project 351
- Miner Nagy Family
- Network for Good
- Tim Albright & Sarah Baker
- Elyse Banak
- Eric Lander
- Jeannine Brennan
- Jessica Sculley
- Michelle Lord
- Philip Lovejoy
- Jon & Susan Williamson
- Washington Lodge AF & AM
- Lander Family 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!
Y2Y

Young adults uniting to end homelessness