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To our amazing partner!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your work with our organization and the youth that we serve. Without your support as a property manager I know that we would not be able to successfully house the number of homeless youth that we have. In our community the housing options are limited and affordable housing, even more so. The staff and clients of Northwest Youth Services appreciate you taking the time to work with us. It may mean signing a few extra documents or making a few extra phone calls and this investment of your time and effort does not go unnoticed. We are all working to make this community a healthier, more vibrant place for all who call it home.

Here is a brief statement from a client about his experience in our program:

“Northwest youth services has been one of the most incredible programs my life has led me to. Putting it simply, I’ve allowed it to change my life. I’ve gone from a homeless and helpless drug addict living on the streets in Anacortes to a functioning citizen to society helping people any chance I can get. The idea of this program is to end youth homelessness so I’m gonna start when I lost my apartment. I was supporting my mother and I (paying the bills, rent, food etc.). because she became very ill with C.O.P.D. which is a terrible lung disease similar to emphysema. I had a good job as a manager for a subway restaurant. With all the stress from work, home and everyday life I began using drugs even more heavily then I had been to cope. I developed a heavy-spending habit on drugs. I literally spent all my money on drugs. With my obsession of drugs I lost both a place to live and my job. Me and my mother both eventually ended up living on the streets.

I’m now approaching my eighth month mark of complete sobriety of all mind altering substances. Which is remarkable for me, it’s the longest I’ve been legitimately sober from all mind altering substances. Another gratitude I must pay its worth to is this North West Youth Services. If not for having clean housing, my chances of staying sober would be slim to none.

For once in my life I feel like I am exactly where I’m supposed to be and I know things are going to work out. I plan on being in school in the near future to follow my dream of working with computers and technology. I currently have a job cooking again and am doing fairly well for myself. There are still kinks I have to work out because learning to live life again isn’t the easiest of tasks. But N.W.Y.S. almost always is able to help me figure things out anytime I need to. In my opinion, life right now is pretty good. Things don’t happen as I would always wish but that’s okay, I understand I have to live life on life’s terms now, not on my own.

So much gratitude for N.W.Y.S. is instilled inside me now for having not only a place to live, but having faith in life, myself, the people around me and an opportunity to start a life for myself. This second chance I seemingly have at life is something I shouldn’t deserve, which is why it’s my responsibility to make the most out of it! “

Each case manager here and myself are all available to offer you support as you work with us. We want to be available to answer questions about the program, respond to concerns with clients, support clients in paying rent and bills on time and correctly, and to be good neighbors and tenants. If there is ever anything we can do, please to do not hesitate to call. I’ve included my card for your convenience.

Please keep us in mind when you have vacancies, we are always looking for studio, one and two bedroom apartments and can support clients with rental assistance, deposits, and ongoing subsidy as well as intensive case management and in home services.

It is a pleasure to work with you. Kindly,

Jane Doe, Housing Programs Manager