

The **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project** is bringing \$1.7M a year to Nashville to serve youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. It is by far the biggest opportunity we have had as a city to move forward our goal of ending youth homelessness by making it rare, brief and one-time.

While the YHDP funding is a giant first step, it is not the full solution.

**Our vision is that Nashville is a community where no one's child is living on the streets, and we need your help to make that a reality.**

### Landlords

If you know of someone who has apartments and might be willing to rent to young adults (ages 18-24), please contact Michael Centi at [mcenti@oasiscenter.org](mailto:mcenti@oasiscenter.org). The YHDP funding gives us the staffing and rental assistance to move 70 young adults into housing, and provides case management support to help them stay in housing. Our biggest challenge is finding the apartments!

### Contribute

Oasis Center is in need of financial assistance in three ways:

- \* **Renovation**– We are adding 16-18 new people to our staff and we need a place to put them. Plans are in the works to redesign our existing floor plan to maximize the space we have and the YHDP grant will not cover the costs.
- \* **Match**– Oasis Center needs to match 25% of the grant, meaning we need \$423,000/year in cash and in-kind support. We are currently needing \$75,000/year in private funding to meet our \$423,000 goal.
- \* **Landlord Mitigation Fund**– In our listening sessions with landlords, one of their big concerns about renting to this age group is what happens if something in the unit is broken. Since our young people don't have a parent to co-sign their lease, the landlords' suggestion was to create a damage mitigation fund that could help cover any costs to the unit. We are hoping to raise \$25,000 for this fund.

For more information on how to help Oasis Center, contact Mark Dunkerley at [mdunkerley@oasiscenter.org](mailto:mdunkerley@oasiscenter.org).

### Help our Partner Agencies

There are 22 agencies working together on this issue of youth homelessness, and we encourage you to get involved and support them as well.

Centerstone \* Crossroads Campus \* End Slavery TN \* Launch Pad \* Monroe Harding \* Park Center Room In The Inn \* Urban Housing Solutions



*Special thanks to our government partners:*

*DCS, Juvenile Courts, Metro Homeless Impact Division, MNPS, Nashville Career Advancement Center*