What can you do?
We can’t do this work alone. Covenant House is always expanding our community of supporters and advocates to include individuals, companies, foundations, faith-based organizations, and program alumni. Our most successful partnerships are collaborative and affirm the dignity and wholeness of the journey of each young person at Covenant House.
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Education and Workforce Development

Last year, 3,200 youth enrolled or remained in school. Additionally, 3,300 youth engaged in on-site workforce development programs and 2,500 youth obtained or maintained employment.

Young people arrive at Covenant House with dreams that have been disrupted by homelessness. Advancing educationally and preparing for the world of work are key to a young person’s prospects for leaving homelessness behind. Either directly or through referral, we guide youth to appropriate educational and vocational opportunities, matching each young person’s strengths and abilities with their career interests. Our career pathways programs help youth prepare for careers that offer a livable wage and room to grow professionally, which is critical to the long-term stability of our young people.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Our research shows that 68% of youth who had either been trafficked or engaged in survival sex had done so while homeless.

About one in five youth who find safety at Covenant House in the United States and Canada, and one in two who shelter with us in Latin America are survivors of human trafficking. All of our houses provide refuge and direct care for survivors and we work to stop exploitation as part of the strongest anti-trafficking movement in the Americas. Our research exposes the toll of human trafficking on children and youth, continually updates and improves our models of care, and informs our advocacy efforts to protect all young people.

Housing

Last year, 2,400 youth exited one of our housing programs to a stable destination.

Housing is a basic human need, which no one should be denied. It is a cornerstone of a successful life, providing shelter, safety, and stability. A lack of available housing leads to youth homelessness. Across our federation, Covenant House provides emergency shelter as well as transitional and supportive housing programs. Some Covenant House sites have also developed apartment programs that provide youth with time-limited rental subsidies to help them transition from our care to their own housing.

Holistic Health Care

Last year, youth made 24,000 visits to an on-site medical clinic and 3,800 young people engaged in mental health services.

Our work recognizes the deep impact trauma has had on our youth and the importance of building mental health resilience and ongoing physical wellness to help them move forward with their lives. We have a wide array of programs and policies at our sites that help center mental and physical health care, from open intake to aftercare services.

To learn more about how you can make an impact today in the fight to end youth homelessness, go to covenanthouse.org.