Valley Youth House does more than just provide a home for vulnerable, abused and homeless youth. We partner with thousands of individuals each year to build a solid foundation for young people and their families.

With dedicated housing, counseling, skills training, health, prevention, and intervention services, we empower resilient young people in establishing promising futures.
Strategically Planning for the Future, as a Team

The core of any social service agency is the contribution it provides to address the needs of vulnerable, forgotten, neglected, and underrepresented populations. At Valley Youth House (VYH), a team of over 400 employees work tirelessly to find, house, build relationships, implement interventions, and guide children, youth, and their families.

At the heart of all we do, positive, healthy connections matter the most. We believe every young person should have a safe, caring, loving family, and VYH advocates for this at the local, state, and national level. With thoughtful growth and strategic action, VYH will reduce the mountain of challenges facing young people today and beyond.

In 2016, dozens of volunteers, Board members, and staff came together as a team to plan the VYH strategy for the next five years. We developed new mission and vision statements, and identified our core values:

- Mission driven
- Outstanding Team Members
- Valued Team members
- Innovation and Creativity
- Integrity
- Positive Relationships
- Diversity

Our work has shown us that one caring, consistent, permanent adult in a young person’s life, makes a very real difference. As we reflect on this team-building year, we are inspired by the thousands of caring adults and supporters who have invested in Valley Youth House. On behalf of the youth and families we serve, thank you for your commitment.

Tom Harrington
President & CEO
Lesley Fallon
Board Chair

Valley Youth House was founded in 1973 as a single shelter in Pennsylvania’s Lehigh Valley.

Today...

Valley Youth House has a presence in 11 Counties
Bucks • Carbon • Chester • Dauphin
Delaware • Lancaster • Lehigh
Luzerne • Montgomery
Northampton • Philadelphia

12 Locations and over 250 Apartments

Mission Statement
Valley Youth House is the catalyst for youth to achieve their desired future through genuine relationships that support families, ensure safe places, and build community connections.

Vision Statement
We envision a world in which every young person belongs to a nurturing community.
**Young People Need Caring Adults in Their Lives**

“**No child should ever have to go through the pain of losing a parent,**” says Wint Thu, who became involved with Valley Youth House’s Adolescents Achieving Independence (AAI) program shortly after she and her two siblings entered foster care in 2011.

Following a traumatic family experience, Wint realized, “I spent so much of my time being angry at the things I couldn’t control, the events I couldn’t change, and the people I couldn’t persuade to help us, that I lost focus of what I could do.” At AAI, Wint met Lauren Poli, a VYH Life Skills Counselor, mentor, and caring adult.

Wint says Lauren helped her with “everything [she] could possibly need,” from S.A.T. waivers to attending college tours.

Referring to the caring Valley Youth House staff, Wint said that “it was good to know that there were people there for you.”

Today, Wint is on the premedical track at the University of the Sciences, majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in neuroscience. She plans to one day become a surgeon, and already has an impressive record of academic and medical achievements. While in high school, Wint attended a medical summer camp at the University of Pennsylvania and an advancement summer camp at Johns Hopkins University through the generous donations made by VYH Board of Directors members.

Wint additionally serves as a role model for her siblings as well as for other foster care youth. In her final year of high school, she designed an art group session to help foster care youth find their voice. Wint encourages other young people to, “Take the best of what you have, and push on! Help those who need it, and give back!”

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**WINT THU**

**“TAKE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE, AND PUSH ON! HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT, AND GIVE BACK!”**

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**PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS & OUTCOMES**

**IN 2016, VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE SERVED 30,581 CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES.**

**REFERRAL SOURCE**

- School: 76.04%
- Self: 1.64%
- County Children & Youth: 12.35%
- Parent/Relative: 2.89%
- Police: 0.85%
- Mental Health: 0.81%
- Hospital: 0.81%
- Friend: 0.71%
- Other: 1.87%
- Community Agencies: 2.83%
- Other VYH Programs: 1.47%
- Juvenile Probation: 0.55%

**AGE**

- Birth – Age 10: 24%
- Age 11: 6.8%
- Age 12: 10.62%
- Age 13: 18.23%
- Age 14: 9.73%
- Age 15: 8%
- Age 16: 9.77%
- Age 17: 11.33%
- Age 18: 3.11%
- Age 19: 2.24%
- Age 20: 2%
- Age 21+: 0.53%

**NATIONALITY**

- Caucasian: 50.26%
- Hispanic: 22.01%
- Other: 4.5%
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 0.04%
- Eskimo: 0.01%
- Middle Eastern: 0.19%
- African American: 20.30%
- Asian: 0.9%
- Multiracial: 4.27%

**Expected Success**

- More than Expected Success: 23%
- Best Anticipated Success: 10%
- No/Limited Services Provided: 23%
- Inferior Outcome: 2%
- Less than Expected Success: 8%

**OUTCOMES**

**GENDER**

- Male: 49%
- Female: 50.85%
- Transgender: 0.11%
- Other: 0.04%

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**Valley Youth House**

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As a non-profit organization, Valley Youth House relies on a wide range of donors to fulfill our mission. During Calendar Year 2016, donor support totaled $6,804,107 in cash revenue and $685,318 in non-monetary gifts and services (which impacts our budget in a big way). Thank you to our community leaders and thousands of caring individuals for helping Valley Youth House to provide programming and services to youth and families who need us.

Thank you to our generous supporters who attended our special events, which help address the ever changing needs of the youth and families Valley Youth House serves.

Here’s the Breakdown of Your Generosity

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During Calendar Year 2016, $666,717 was raised through VYH Special Events!

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Valley Youth House is fortunate to be the beneficiary of countless community events throughout the year. Thank you to our generous supporters who hosted an event or drive and helped to raise $101,311 for the youth and families served through Valley Youth House.

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YOUTH AND 224 BABIES RECEIVED EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSING

16,233
STUDENTS RECEIVED PREVENTIVE PROGRAMMING IN 21 LEHIGH VALLEY SCHOOLS

1,060
FOSTER CARE YOUTH WERE CONNECTED, EDUCATED, AND EMPOWERED AT THE ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA
**In 2016, the Student Assistance Program (SAP) provided short-term mental health counseling services to 2,202 children in all public high, middle and elementary school in Northampton County and some Lehigh County schools.**

**“The Student Assistance Program helped me to realize there was nothing wrong with me and that I was still a normal kid.”**

**Youth Homelessness is a growing problem in our region. Last year, The Synergy Project offered survival supplies, peer support, informal counseling, information and housing referral services to 1,019 youth living on the streets. Thousands more need our help, and we predict serving 3,900 this year alone.**

**Family Preservation Program (FPP)**
- Counseling and case management intervention services to homeless and non-homeless families to reduce out-of-home placement of children

**In-Home Services**
- Provides intensive interventions blending case management and therapeutic services, educational services, and out-client services

**Tranquility Intervention Program (TIP)**
- Outreach and counseling services for elementary students who have missed 10+ days of school (Abington & Whitpain School Districts)

**Northampton & Lehigh 610-954-9561**

**Lehigh 610-432-0481**

**Lehigh Valley Shelter 24-Hour 365 days per year emergency shelter and services for youth ages 12-17 515-442-9700 $145-$150**

**Shelter Providers**
- Lehigh 610-954-9561
- Northampton County & Lehigh County

**The Synergy Project 2016**
- Assisted over 100 youth with behavioral and emotional needs
- Helped them successfully complete school, work, and home responsibilities

**The Synergy Project has become a big part of my life... in all honesty I'd probably be dead. They helped me realize I wasn't alone and that there are people out there who will help you.”**

**Family, The Synergy Project”**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING & PERMANENCY SERVICES**

**Career Assist Network (CAN) Mentor Program**
- Group and individual mentoring services designed to help young people ages 14-21 define a strong career path and build permanent connections to caring adults

**Lehigh & Northampton 610-317-0721**
- Lancaster 717-945-6273
- Chester 484-599-8214
- Delaware 484-442-8462
- Montgomery 610-272-2946

**Luzerne 570-704-0626**

**Housing Programs**
- Provide semi-subsidized group living and individual apartments for single or parenting youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are homeless or in the foster care system. VYH has one of the region’s only LGBTQ+-specific housing programs

**Lehigh & Northampton 610-954-9561**
- Northampton County & Lehigh County

**Lehigh Valley Shelter**
- 24-Hour 365 days per year emergency shelter and services for youth ages 6-20

**“Youth Receiving SAP Services”**

**Life Skills & Aftercare Programs**
- Adolescent Achieving Independence (AAI) and Achieving Independence Center (AIC) programs provide Life Skills Development and Case Management Services for current and former foster care youth between the ages of 14 and 21

**Lehigh & Northampton 610-432-0481**
- Northampton 610-954-9561
- Lehigh 610-432-0481

**Chester 484-442-9700**
- Delaware 484-442-8462
- Montgomery 610-272-2946

**Permanency Services**
- Services include Child Profile, Child Preparation and Child Specific Recruitment and adoption-related units of service, with an emphasis on finding supportive mentors and lifelong connections for youth as they become adults

**Camp Fowler**
- Nature offers restorative, stress-reducing benefits, and the outdoors experience at our 43-acre Camp Fowler located in Orefield, PA, does just that.

**Reservations - 484-223-0725 Summer Programming - 610-349-2835**

**Therapeutic Recreation & Adventure**

**In-Home Services**
- Provides intensive interventions blending case management and therapeutic services, educational services, and out-client services

**Lehigh Valley Youth**

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PATTI’S HOUSE

Thanks to the vision and generosity of Patricia Walsh, Valley Youth House is proud to announce the opening of ‘Pat’s House,’ a Specialized Intensive Living Home for young men in West Chester, PA.

Financial Support Provided by Valley Youth House, Inc. and Property Management, and Patricia Walsh.

Valley Youth House would like to recognize and thank the following generous donors for contributions received during calendar year 2016

(2016) January 1 to December 31, 2016. Your support is truly changing lives.
and Delinquency to establish Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy for victims of sexual assault and other trauma.
Have you heard about Amazon Smile? You can support VYH while shopping on Amazon by:

1. Logging into smile.amazon.com
2. Choosing “Valley Youth House Committee” as your charity.

Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your purchase to us!

Thank you to our caring and compassionate staff for the continued support and partnership with Valley Youth House, our partner agencies in the Coalition to End Youth Homelessness, and the Coalition to End Youth Homelessness.

40% OF HOMELESS YOUTH ARE LGBTQ+

PHILADELPHIA YOUTH COUNT SUGGESTS 64% OF YOUTH ARE COUCH SURFING

#CouchesDontCount
Young people flourish as a result of joining the Valley Youth House community. Art & Programming is used as one of many alternative methods of healing and growth.

Youth from the Art@LV Program visited Longwood Gardens and were asked to spend the day taking pictures of sculptures or landscapes that represented how they felt or things that spoke to them. This photo was chosen because the youth artist stated that it made him think of strength, courage, and the ability to voice his opinion.

The youth artist who painted BLUE EYES depicts a self-portrait of her journey through foster care. The artist replaced the mouth in the portrait with red marks resembling the bad times lived through and how she remained silent through it all. The orange marks are the peaceful and joyful personal memories of her life, and the dark drops of blue are past memories that will forever be part of who she is.

Young people need caring adults in their lives. Interested in becoming a mentor, volunteering, or learning more about how to support Valley Youth House?

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