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.

Lives impacted annually
22,480
At Valley Youth House, we don’t turn our backs at the first sign of adversity. Our doors remain open. Together we can make life-affirming breakthroughs and healthy decisions. We’ve been there for young people and their families with nowhere else to turn for 46 years. We would be honored to welcome you.

**Partnerships**

- Continued cross-sector partnerships to enhance VYH’s capacity to make data-driven decisions.
- Designated a National Safe Place, the universal symbol of youth safety.
- Procured Highmark Foundation funding to extend innovative integrated behavioral and physical health programming at two residential sites, in partnership with DeSales University Department of Nursing and Health, Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Marywood University School of Social Work.
- Formed the Allentown Youth Housing Stability Initiative, a multi-sector collaborative to build awareness of and solutions to housing insecurity among youth.
- Approved for Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program to support Adventures in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Adventures in Arts at Camp Fowler. Both programs are aligned to enhance Pennsylvania School Standards.
- Established contracts in Philadelphia and Allentown for subsidized employment programs for youth.
- Hosted 86 student interns from 31 different colleges and universities.

**Thought Leadership**

- Developed an advocacy platform to ensure VYH mission fulfillment.
- Continued leadership roles throughout the Commonwealth to improve access to homeless services and housing models.
- Featured in Point Source Youth, a Rapid Re-Housing Handbook.
- Bridge2Home established as the state’s first Host Home housing model for homeless youth in Western Pennsylvania.
- Joined other LGBTQ+ advocates in the successful ban on conversion therapy in Bethlehem.
- Conducted multiple informational briefings with legislators to improve housing options for youth.

**Awards**

- Valley Youth House was selected as the first ever Outstanding Nonprofit Organization by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. The award, along with proclamations from government officials, was presented to a nonprofit organization that has achieved excellence in four areas: collaboration, governance, inclusion, and vision.
- Valley Youth House’s Lehigh Valley Shelter was selected as the first recipient of a Community Spotlight Award, presented by the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). This award recognizes a community organization that has empowered students to act as agents of change in the greater community at large. The students and faculty at LVHN have had the unique opportunity to bring health care access to the residents of the shelter through bimonthly clinics.

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**STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD) & STUDENTS TAKING ACTIVE ROLES (STARS)**

AIM TO EMPOWER TEENS, ENGAGE PARENTS, MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES, AND CHANGE LIVES.

SADD and STARS Chapters from schools in Lehigh and Northampton Counties gather annually for the Lehigh Valley Youth Conference hosted by the Driving Under the Influence/Highway Safety Task Force and Valley Youth House. Held at Lehigh Valley Health Network, each school submits a Public Service Announcement video on the topic of distracted driving, drug and alcohol abuse, or bullying.

**1ST PLACE!**

Parkland High School won 1st place for their video on the dangers of drugs & alcohol.

The goal is to reduce out-of-home placement and keep families together.

In-home services provide intensive interventions blending case management and therapeutic services, educational services, and out-client services to children, youth, and their families.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) provide intensive behavioral services and interventions based on the principals of Applied Behavior Analysis, a type of therapy focused on building skills in areas such as communication, social skills, and compliance.

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VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE ADVISED OUR SON BILLY AND PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE. WITHOUT THE HELP OF TERRY O’DONNELL AND CASANDRA WEINSHENK, BILLY WOULD NOT HAVE COME AS FAR AS HE IS TODAY.

– Tony and Mark Collins

**Photo: Our VYH Superheroes captured in all their glory by members of the Lehigh Valley Photography Group: Ryan Fisher of Lasting Image Photography, Matthew Cannon of Cannon Media, and Ted Colegrove of Primer Media who donated their time and expertise to create a special superhero photography experience for ANDY, ALYSSA, ANIYAH, AND BILLY!**

1,485 youth & families served

The Family Preservation Program prevented foster care placement in 90% of families served

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After years of trauma, Savannah sought refuge from her father and moved into her Aunt’s home. However, after only a short period of time, Savannah found herself homeless. Out of desperation, Savannah contacted 2-1-1, a toll-free hotline offered by the United Way, providing a connection for the community to health and human services. 2-1-1 informed Savannah of the Synergy Project, Valley Youth House’s Street Outreach program that provides emergency services to run away and homeless youth up to age 21.

Julian Foster, a VYH street outreach worker, helped Savannah by providing food and supplies until she stayed in the Lehigh Valley Shelter, one of two shelters Valley Youth House operates 24-hours/365-days per year. Since it was not safe for Savannah to return home, and she had nowhere else to turn, Savannah stayed at the shelter for several weeks until she could be transitioned into an independent living program, and get her own apartment.

During her time with Valley Youth House, Savannah worked with Alycha Boehm, a VYH Therapist, who helped her to develop healthy self-love techniques, deal with her emotions, and to heal and gain confidence.

**Impact of Homelessness:**

- Poor academic performance
- High risk of lifelong health, behavioral and emotional problems
- High rates of depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder
- Increased likelihood of illegal activity and incarceration
- More likely to be sexually exploited
- Increased likelihood of unwanted pregnancy
CAMP FOWLER:

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION & ADVENTURE

Nature offers restorative, stress-reducing benefits, and the outdoor experiences at Camp Fowler do just that. Here, a team, led by a master’s level clinician, uses therapeutic, challenge-based programming to promote positive development in a way that is not likely to occur in a conventional setting. Campers experience breakthroughs and healing, resulting in behavioral changes that lead to their future growth.

OUR CAMP ENVIRONMENT HELPS YOUTH ACHIEVE FIVE DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOMES:

- Heal from past trauma
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Establish trust towards peers and caring adults
- Develop positive and effective communication skills
- Forge leadership skills

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Aggie will be leaving foster care and Valley Youth House’s Supervised Independent Living Program to attend Temple University. Since being with VYH, Aggie has successfully managed her own apartment, received her green card, graduated from Delaware County Community College with an associate’s degree in business, obtained her driver’s license, and was admitted to college! Go, Aggie!

I just want to thank everyone for helping me on my journey. I don’t even know where I would be without my caseworkers and Valley Youth House. I am living the life I dreamed of!

– Aggie, VYH youth, Delaware County

Programs

Adventures in STEM Camp
   partnering with DaVinci Science Center
Science, technology, engineering, & mathematics

Adventures in Art Camp
   partnering with ARTSQUEST
Creative and visual arts, music, dance, & more

Adventures in Leadership Camp
   Expanding leadership skills

Life Skills Development & Case Management Services
provide assistance in successfully transitioning to adulthood

Housing Programs
305+ apartments across 18 counties

Permanency Services
support youth in identifying themselves & discovering appropriate resources & connections

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We would like to recognize and thank the generous donors who made contributions during calendar year 2018 (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018). A full list of donors can be found at ValleyYouthHouse.org/About.

In cash revenue
$8,326,364

In non-monetary gifts & services
$411,389

Total
$8,737,013

Who Gives to VYH?

Individuals
$867,353

Foundations & Trusts
$873,143

Businesses & Community Organizations
$903,059

Government
$6,006,210

Donor Impact:

Donations
1,182

Gift-In-Kind
2,219

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**United Methodist Church**
- Berks County Community
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To our generous supporters and caring adults who attended our special events, which help address the ever changing needs of the youth and families who receive our programming and services.

$890,994 was raised through VYH Special Events!

DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2018:

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Sammie from the Chester County Supervised Independent Living Program pictured with Nydia Han, 6abc’s Consumer Investigative Reporter and co-anchor of Action News Sunday mornings. Sammie is attending Career Corps and wants to be a nurse.

Crayola and Valley Youth House won the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley’s Volunteer Challenge in the category of Large Company for their design and reveal of The LIVING Room. Several donations from many in our community helped bring this new space to life. VYH youth named the space, “The LIVING Room” because they said working with Valley Youth House makes them feel like they are living their lives for the first time.

City Center Investment Corp. donated the contents of a hotel it owns in Allentown to benefit the youth and families of Valley Youth House. Over 40 volunteers from the community and VYH staff participated in the 3-day move. Thank you for paying it forward City Center Investment Corp.!

Jackson receives a makeover from Michelle Donnelly, from Hair to Dye For, one of the many partners who donated their time and services to make the Project SILK Spring Fling, hosted and sponsored by Beauty Blender, such a special event. Project SILK, a collaborative with the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, creates brave space for LGBTQ+ youth of color and their friends to be themselves and provides HIV interventions to empower youth to be their own healthcare advocates.
THE VYH TEAM ROCKS!

Thank you for the work you do every day that truly changes the lives of young people and their families in our communities!

OVER 104,144 contacts with children, youth, & families

6,093 hours of training

437 employees

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#CouchesDontCount AS STABLE HOUSING FOR ANY YOUNG PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. 

More can and should be done to support these young people in finding resources, shelter, and transitional housing.

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