

# Moving Forward Together



# It's All About the Journey

## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our theme this year celebrates the fact that we aren't here to fix lives, but to uphold them. When we lead with respect, provide resources and build relationships, we move beyond being service providers. The most meaningful moments happen when a young person trusts us enough to let us walk beside them through their unfolding story. It is a privilege we are provided by those that choose to partner and support us and we are grateful.



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## It's Our Mission to be There Every Step of the Way

StandUp for Kids is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ending youth homelessness by building trust, breaking cycles of instability, and supporting young people as they transition to safe, self-sufficient adulthood. Our commitment extends beyond crisis services, providing sustained support with guidance and check-ins that help ensure lasting stability and independence through key transition periods.



# A Unique Support Network

TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NAVIGATING LIFE WITHOUT STABILITY OR A SAFE PLACE TO LAND. WE DON'T LET THEM FACE IT ALONE.



## WE START WITH TRUST, NOT PROGRAMS

We meet young people where they are—streets, schools, libraries. They engage on their own terms and timeline, which is essential for supporting their unique situations



## ADAPTABLE TO THEIR JOURNEY

Support may include food access, mentoring, housing stabilization, and education and workforce navigation. Services continue through key age transitions without abrupt age-based cutoffs, which allow relationships evolve as needs, goals, and circumstances change.



## NATIONAL REACH WITH HYPER-LOCAL IMPACT

Shared values, training, and standards guide work across all chapters. Services are locally designed in partnership with schools, shelters, and community organizations, which allow chapters to adapt programming to reflect community-specific needs and assets.



## THE RIGHT HELP AT THE RIGHT TIME

We integrate material support with consistent relational engagement. Meals and hygiene supplies are provided alongside conversation, trust-building, and follow-ups. Housing navigation includes coaching, advocacy, and practical problem-solving, while mentoring is paired with concrete assistance that removes barriers to stability.

## VOLUNTEERS & PROFESSIONALS

Volunteers serve as mentors, advocates, and consistent adults through a structured support model. National systems for finance, data, compliance, and training ensure quality, accountability, and stewardship. Local chapters retain flexibility to respond to real-time community needs and partnerships.



## DIGNITY & RELATIONSHIP-CENTERED

Youth are treated as whole people, not cases, and are respected as participants in their own growth and stability. Engagement is voluntary and responsive to individual readiness, needs, and circumstances.



No two kids need exactly the same thing. So we don't hand them a checklist—we stay, we listen, and we figure it out together. Whatever it takes, for as long as it takes.

# From Groups to One-to-One Support

Mentoring is not therapy or case management. Through four key phases, we focus on listening, reflecting strengths, celebrating small wins, and walking alongside youth as they move into a future of possibility.

1



## BUILDING TRUST, CREATING SPACE

Laying the ground work for transformation through consistent presence and safe environments.

*"Welcoming into community."*

2



## COMMUNITY TO CONNECTION

Moving from the security of groups to the power of one-to-one dedicated advocacy.

*"Personalized path with planned goals."*

3



## INTENTIONAL IN SCHOOLS

Bridging the gap between personal growth and academic excellence.

*"Empowering students to show up for themselves."*

4



## BEYOND MENTORSHIP

Transitioning from programs to permanent social, professional, and contributive support systems.

*"Long-term success and ready for life."*

***"Mentorship doesn't have an expiration date. We show up not to fix a problem, but to celebrate a person."***

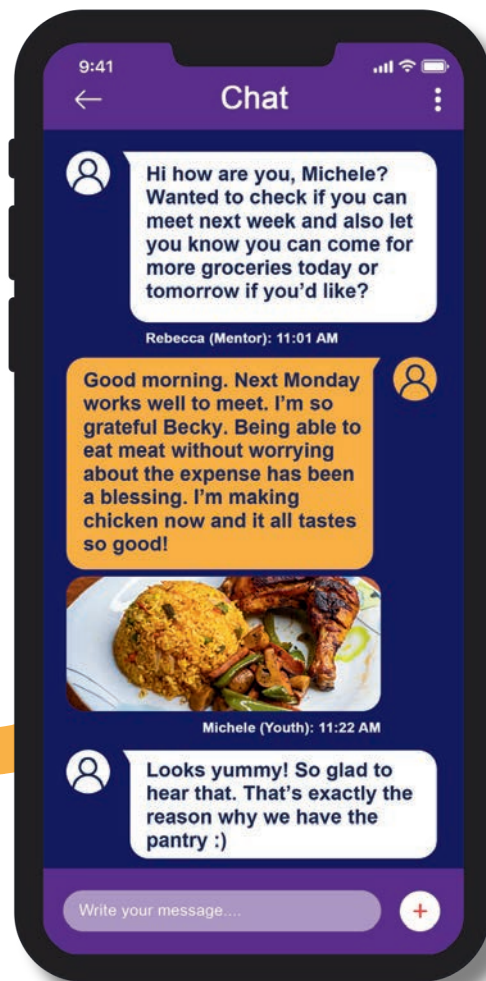
# Thanks for Going the Extra Mile

With gratitude at our core, we thank every donor, volunteer, and partner who shows up with compassion and commitment. Your support fuels every moment of care, every safe space, and every step forward.



## Personalized Care Makes All the Difference

Lasting bonds are formed every day through our programs. In many cases, our care extends beyond the 9-to-5 and traditional processes to make authentic connections. Positive progress in a youth's journey inspires our passion to serve and confirms our programs are working.



It's very common for mentors and volunteers to receive a special 'thank you' from the youth they support!

 Alpha Xi Delta



A special thank you to the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta for their 'Kindly Hearts initiative,' aiding in fundraising and writing letters of love to secure resources for youth who need it most.



# Creating an Impact Coast-to-Coast

ONE MISSION, MANY NEIGHBORHOODS.

Our 2025 results highlight what's possible when support meets determination. Beyond the numbers are real stories of young people gaining stability, building confidence, and moving forward toward brighter futures.

## 42,662

YOUTH CONNECTIONS



When our doors and hearts are open—tens of thousands of kids find a way to connect with us. Our offerings allow flexibility to meet them where they are.

## 40,743

PROVIDED MEALS



When a youth is hungry, focus, reasoning, emotional balance, and decision-making all suffer. Consistent access to food can change the trajectory of a young person's life.

## 10,618

URGENT SHELTER NIGHTS



Each night provided a safe space and peace of mind for youth in crisis, giving them the stability to begin rebuilding their lives.

## 33,137

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Our volunteer-powered, professionally supported model enables sustained engagement, measurable outcomes, and long-term stability for youth who are often underserved by traditional systems.

## 100%

GRADUATION RATE



We're proud to announce all our youth mentored through our mentorship programs graduated high school. Congratulations 2025 graduates!

# Thank You, Donors

**WE STRETCH EVERY DOLLAR AND DEPEND ON EACH ONE TO GO FURTHER.**

StandUp for Kids combines trained volunteers, professional staff, and strong national infrastructure. Local chapters provide responsive, community-based support, while national systems ensure consistent training, oversight, and quality—delivering local impact with national scale and accountability.

**\$3.5M** REVENUE & SUPPORT

**\$3.4M** OPERATING EXPENSES



**87¢** of every dollar donated goes directly into programs that serve at-risk youth facing and experiencing homelessness.

**6.5¢**  
ADMIN  
SUPPORT

**6.5¢**  
FUNDRAISING



# WE ARE STANDUP FOR KIDS



## STAND UP. TAKE ACTION.



### DONATE

Help provide meals, mentoring, safety and stability when it's needed most. Explore the different ways you can gift.



### VOLUNTEER

Show up for young people in your community—build trust, offer support and be someone they can count on.



### PARTNER

Work with us to expand our reach. Rally your friends, school, or workplace to support youth in need across the country.



**Break the Cycle.  
Change the Story.  
End Youth Homelessness.**

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