

## ***What they are saying about YDF ...***

*"The YDF Scholarships are an integral and important part of our graduation and I can't imagine the celebration without them."*

*- Chris Frye, Interagency School*

*"I think it's cool when someone pays attention to what I can do, instead of everything that's gone wrong."*

*-- Zach, Age 14*

*"YDF has given us the opportunity to take our youth horseback riding, rock climbing, canoeing and many other activities that would never be available in their daily lives.*

*These activities are important therapeutic tools, helping these youth to work on issues of trust, self-esteem and team-building."*

*-- The Orion Center*

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# **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND**



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## OUR MISSION:

***YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND*** (YDF) provides grants and scholarships to at-risk youth in King County in cases where all other resources have been exhausted.

YDF funds allow motivated youth to pursue educational, recreational, vocational and therapeutic goals.

***T***he Youth Development Fund (YDF) was formed in 1975 to assist youth in the juvenile justice system, many of whom had few places to turn for help. The program has since expanded to serve hundreds of youth throughout King County who show promise and motivation, but need financial assistance.

### ***Who benefits?***

At-risk young people between the ages of 11 and 23, who may:

- Want to take vocational training courses or earn their GEDs
- Have been sexually, physically and/or emotionally abused
- Need safe alternatives to street living, prostitution and crime
- Are making transitions from a street culture to more traditional lifestyles
- Have been, or are currently, involved in the juvenile justice system
- Reside in foster care or out of home placement

Individual grants are reviewed and awarded at monthly board meetings.

*Volunteer-driven, with no paid administrative staff, YDF allocates more than 98% of funds raised directly to youth in King County.*



### ***Get involved by:***

- Join the Board
- Participate in Fund Raising and Annual Fund Raising Events
- Donate through positive designation through United Way or Combined Fund Drive for your tax deductible cash donation

***Young lives shattered by abuse, neglect, homelessness, gangs and drugs need resources beyond what agencies are able to provide.***

***E***ach year, YDF assists approximately 20 area youth agencies such as YouthCare, UDYC, Central Youth and Family Services, Seattle Interagency through quarterly financial grants. These funds help pay for school supplies, ID's, transportation, and other needs that the agencies would not otherwise be able to provide for program participants.

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