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Hello-

We would like to thank you for supporting your constituents -- both your providers, and the children who live in your community.

At Youth Progress, our mission is to keep children safe. We reduce recidivism rates amongst our population and assist our young people attain independence and earn their high school diploma while providing a safe environment where they can heal from trauma and learn new skills. Our clients range in age from 13-24 and come from a variety of backgrounds. Most are victims of abuse and/or neglect, have no appropriate or safe home in which to live, or have been involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system. Our aim is to look beyond the current behaviors to identify underlying issues and to create lasting change in each youth we serve.

Our graduates integrate into the community demonstrating academic, vocational, social, and personal competence. To assist our young people in attaining independence, we provide:

- A fully-accredited, grades 6-12 school; GED program referral and support; post-secondary guidance
- Safe housing – we operate two residential facilities as well as therapeutic foster home placement for our youth in day treatment.
- Vocational training and employment placement assistance
- On-site counselors
- Partnerships with agencies that provide mental health therapy, medication management, and substance abuse treatment
- On-going support via our Extended Family Program

From a former client:

“My name is Janette Tucker. Ten years ago I graduated from Youth Progress Association. They saw to it that I had a job, savings, and a safe home before I aged out of their care. From this stable base I have been able to maintain a job, well being, and even pursue a master's degree. Throughout the the years they have provided advice, scholarships, a laptop for school, and even a job to continue supporting my growth. Without their help I do not know where I would be. Being a youth in state care is not easy and it is not pleasant. These young people need support, access, and resources just as much as any other child. Agencies like Youth Progress help disadvantaged young people by providing these things. Please support them in continuing to do good work.”



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We currently have 7 programs where young people can develop new skills in a safe trauma informed environment. We have 2 residential programs for youth in Oregon Youth Authority custody. We also have 5 day treatment programs for youth ranging in age and treatment goals. We have one program specifically for our female adolescent youth that fosters independence, alcohol and drug free lifestyles, education and employment.

Recent research validates the positive outcomes attained by YP services. Over 80% of our young people reconnect with the Portland Public Schools, 64% of YP clients improved their job maintenance skills and recidivism rates are reduced as low as 5%.

These children have come so far, we can't stop helping them now. You are welcome to come visit our agency and see the important work we do with our youth.

Thank you-

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