

Mid-Winter 1st Gent's Project: A Partnership with The Dalles Key Club SEAD Initiative Service Project



PNW Key Club's District SEAD: End Youth Houselessness Initiative. SEAD stands for Support, Empower, Act, and Destigmatize. Chosen as the Key Club District Project by this year's PNW Key Club District Governor Isabella Baldisseri, the SEAD Initiative aims to guide Key Clubbers in serving their community by addressing the widespread pattern of Youth Houselessness within the PNW. The goal for the Key Club District Project is to provide Key Clubbers and Kiwanians with resources, knowledge, and inspiration to make a direct impact locally. Check out the video in this link: <https://youtu.be/s35-9myrSwg>

For the PNW Kiwanis **1st Gent's District Project**, I have set out to partner with local Key Club(s) to do projects at Mid-Winter and DCON targeting local organizations doing work with houseless teens in the geographic area of the convention.

The Next Door Inc. (TNDI) is the largest social service agency in the Gorge. They were founded in 1971 to address the unmet need of support services for youth. Today, TNDI's staff and programs continue to strive to fulfill our mission of opening doors to new possibilities by strengthening children and families and improving communities in Oregon and Washington. Changing Lives – Building Communities.

PLEASE – bring as many items as you can from the list of basic needs items provided below to Mid-Winter in Hood River to support The Dalles Key Club collection for the organization The Next Door. We will have a drop off table for your donations Friday – Saturday and will be making a presentation to The Next Door Saturday afternoon at the 3:30 education session. You or your Club can also make monetary donations. The need is great and our opportunity to have a positive impact on teens in the Gorge is also great. Imagine the impact your donations of basic hygiene items or clean clothing will have on the lives of these children.

T-Shirts	Rain Ponchos	Instant Coffee	Snacks
Blankets	Body Wipes	Gym Bags / Totes	Non-perishable food
Towels	Pajamas	Backpacks	Feminine Hygiene
Socks	Deodorant	Shoelaces	Toilet Paper
Underwear	Shampoo	School Supplies	Lotion
Women's Bras	Conditioner	Detergent	Hand Sanitizer
Hairbrushes	Face Wash	Dryer Sheets	Sunscreen
Hair Ties	Razors	Hand Warmers	Hand & Bar Soap
Combs	Shaving Cream	Feet Warmers	Belts
Sweatpants	Toothpaste	Sleeping Bags	Beanies
Hoodies	Toothbrushes	Gloves	Eating Utensils

The SEAD:

End Youth Houselessness Initiative



WHAT IS THE 2024-25 PNW DISTRICT PROJECT?

Chosen by District Governor Isabella Baldisseri and approved by the District Board, this project is intended to educate Key Clubbers and Kiwanians about the opportunities in their local communities to aid youth experiencing houselessness. Together, we can positively impact the lives of houseless youth in our communities.

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WHY YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS?

- Experiencing houselessness **transforms the lives of youth**. They face significantly higher rates of emotional, behavioral, and health problems.
- Youth houselessness is **prevalent** in communities throughout the PNW District.
- There are **countless ways to help**. Key Clubbers from any area can contribute and address the needs of their community as they see fit.

BY THE NUMBERS

- BIPOC youth face an **83% increased risk** of houselessness.
- LGBTQIA+ people are **120% more likely** to be unhoused after coming out.
- Indigenous youth are more than **twice as likely** to be unhoused.
- **30% of unhoused people** are under the age of 24.

GET INVOLVED!

Service:

- Assemble hygiene or care kits.
- Pack items at a food bank.
- Volunteer at a local youth houseless shelter.

Fundraising:

- Host canned food, clothing, or monetary drives.
- Hold a miracle minute.
- Host a contest or raffle and donate all proceeds.

ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT

- **Covenant House** - Provides necessities and resources for youth, so they can focus on building their future.
- **HomeAid** - Develops housing and programmatic facilities for people experiencing or at risk of houselessness.
- **YouthCare** - Provides young people with a secure, stable, and healthy environment.