

2022-2025 Impact Report



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Message from the Executive Director

DEROLL BARRETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our hardworking team at Youth Improvement Services has been changing lives for 7 years!

The dedicated Board of Directors, staff, funders and partners collaborated effectively and made a meaningful difference for 73 young adults in the communities we serve.

YIS operates virtually. This innovative approach allows us to deploy donations and contributions in a cost-effect manner. Our priority is to assist clients gain stability by providing case management and resources to resolve housing instability and for other basic needs.

This year we were support by several individual donors, Walmart Foundation, and Enterprise Mobility Foundation. We were delighted to receive a \$35,000 anonymous donation through Fidelity Charitable in December 2025. The gift will give us a head start to continue our transformational work next year. We are grateful for the support!

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2022-2025 IMPACT SUMMARY

74% of clients resolved their housing instability and homelessness in 30 days or less.



**Temporary Housing
& Full Services: 25
young adults**



**Homelessness Diversion and
Financial Assistance Only:
- 48 young adults**

Financials & Impact

2022-2025 Revenue
\$161,495



\$30,125

Direct Cash Assistance to Youth for Basic Needs to Support Preventing and Overcoming Homelessness



430

Bed Nights of Safe and Stable Housing Provided at a Hotel or Motel

Average Investment to Improve the Life of 18- to 24 Year-Old Clients = \$2,300

Our mission is to empower youth to develop the skills, resources and resilience needed to live independently.

Homelessness continues to be a difficult problem to solve. We work hard to empower and assist the young people who knock on our virtual doors. We prioritize flexible support to our clients through direct cash transfers. We also provide temporary housing at local motels when necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of youth participants.

Young adults are trusted to use the cash and electronic gift cards to meet their basic needs as they take steps to improve their situation, while we provide nonintrusive case management and optional supports.



How We Help Young Adults

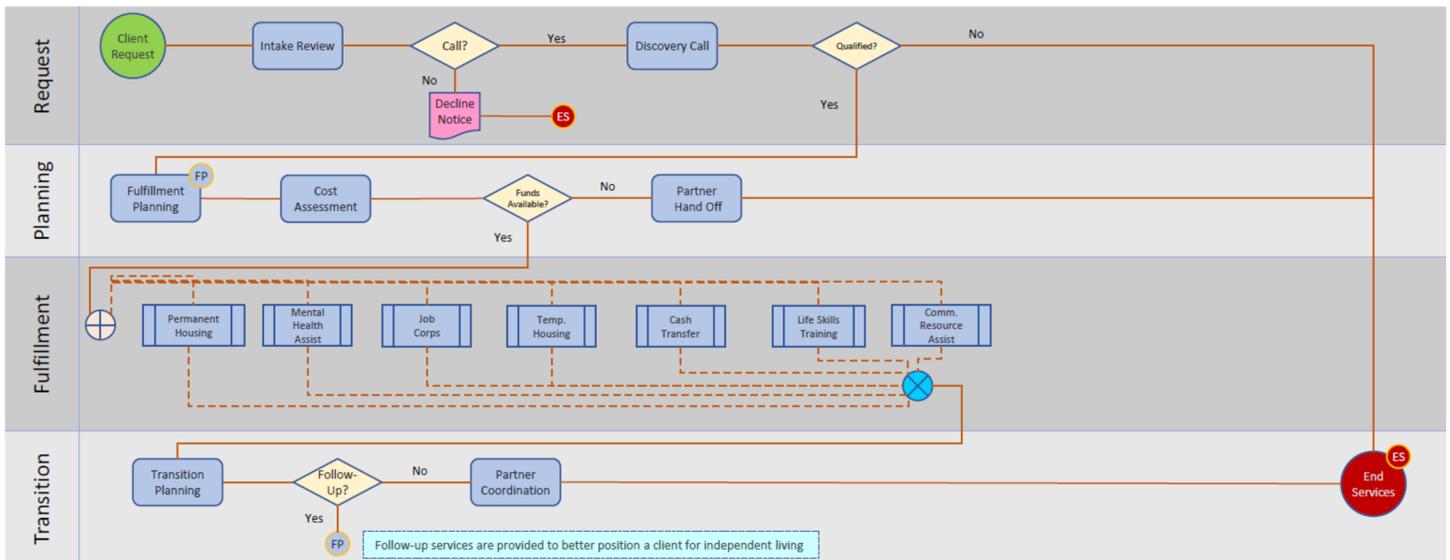
Our work with 18 to 24 year old youth is influenced by Chapin Hall's extensive research. We use evidence-based interventions to ensure the best possible outcomes with limited funds.

When young adults request assistance, we provide for their immediate safety, then connect them to community resources for access to transportation, employment, training, and healthcare. We also encourage them to reconnect with trusted relatives and friends. Helping youth to thrive is important because youth are the future of our community.

Below is a chart showing our client services workflow.



Client Services Workflow



“My Mom kicked me out and my Dad has never been in my life. I have a bag of clothes, no food, no belongings, no vehicle and no where to go.”
- 20 Year-Old Youth Client, November 2025

We envision communities where youth homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.

Thank You to Donors, Sponsors, and Partners

Charitable donations from individuals, foundations and corporations were investments in the lives of young adults experiencing housing instability. We sincerely appreciate each gift that allowed us to make a meaningful difference.

Through ups and downs to include a decline in revenue from peak years, we continued the good work. Receiving multi-year funding from Enterprise Mobility Foundation and several community grants from Walmart and Sam's Club, along with individual donors allowed us to sustain longevity and impact, while providing high quality services.

Partnerships with workforce development agencies such as The Refill Jackson Initiative and healthcare providers including the Ybor Youth Clinic, allowed us to significantly improve the lives of youth.

As we continue to grow, we are hopeful for a bright and promising future. We recently added information for donor-advised funds to the Donate page on our website, and look forward to continued support in the upcoming years.

Would you consider making a charitable donation to change the life of a young adult who is experiencing homelessness?

Learn more about how to donate at
www.youthimprovement.org 

Some of our 2022-2025 Sponsors and Donors



DONATE TODAY

Our work involves addressing housing instability, while collaborating with community partners to address the social determinants of health and well-being of young adults. We truly appreciate your support!