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Newsletter from Teton Youth and Family Services



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Letter from Sarah



Dear TYFS Friends and Family,

It's YOU who help us to shine our very brightest!

Thank you so much for all who attended our first ever event at the beautiful Cloudveil or the TYFS classic, our 26th Annual Golf Benefit – these moments together show us just how much amazing support we have from our community, and they provide the ideas, strength, and resources to continue bringing the most and best possible programming to our next generation.

The celebration and fun continue with our ribbon cutting ceremony on to dedicate and celebrate the beautiful new spaces at the Van Vleck House and Hirschfield Center for Children. Please save the date of September 21st from 11:30-1:30 for a food truck lunch, tour and dedication at 12:45.

The renovations to the TYFS facilities through our Building Brighter Futures campaign and summer events will allow us to meet the rising needs of children and families in our community and state. New buildings bring new hope – and from what I know about hope is that with just a tiny speck of it and a whole lot of help you can lead a life that is full and meaningful. That is what keeps me coming back to this TYFS family and our amazing Jackson Hole community, and I hope it keeps you coming back too. Together, we can provide a whole lot of help!

Thank you always for showing up for kids and families and being you!

Sincerely,

Sarah Cavallaro
Executive Director



Thank You

These people and businesses were critical to making these events a success and raising \$250k for kids and families through fun events.



The Cloudveil Hotel and the Bistro

Dick and Betty Garrison

Sister Karee and the band

Anonymous donor

Teton Youth & Family Services

Nancy and David Donovan

Board and Staff

Ted and Noa Staryk

To these additional people who helped make these events happen with people-power!

Long Reimer Winegar

Arty Polo, Chris Moll, Kilee

Bank of Jackson Hole

Amborski, Martina Hansen,

The Teton Pines Team: Todd, Julie,

Jim Auge, Jordan Chandler,

Shad, John, PK, Matt, and

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Former clients featured in the

JH Kiwanis Club

videos: Bevin, Taylor,

Pam and Dwight Jewson in honor

Keanu, Killian

of Bruce Burkland

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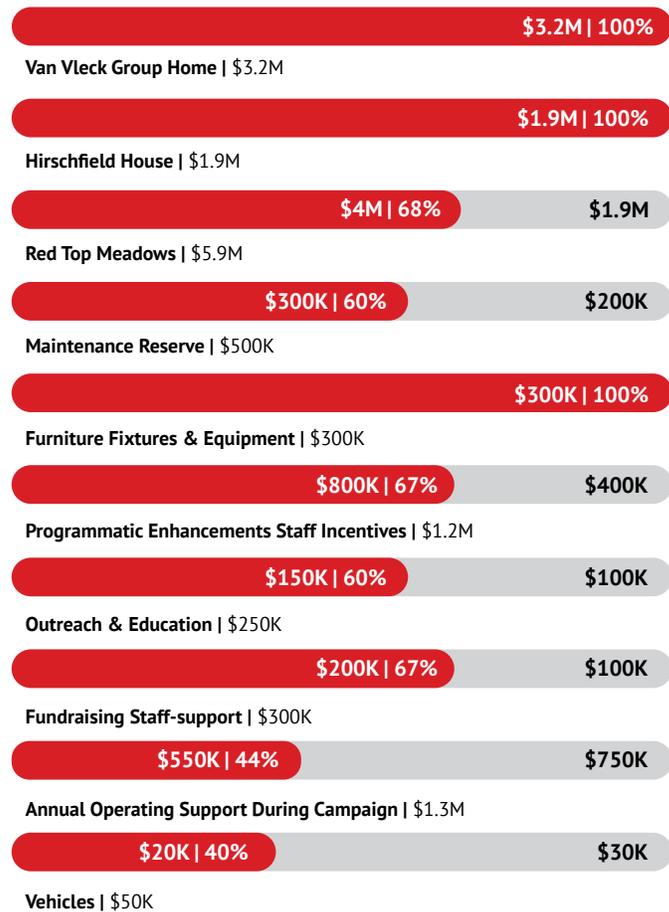
Red Top Meadows

The future is looking bright! We are delighted with the support we have received for the renovations to our Red Top Meadows facility. The estimated cost for these building updates is \$5.9million, and we still have \$3million left to raise on this project.

As we look ahead, these key renovations will allow us to create single occupancy bedrooms, a barn and greenhouse, a gym and staff respite area, a courtyard and library, and more crucial therapeutic spaces.

Groundbreaking begins on this exciting project this October, with an estimated completion date of 2025. We can't wait to see what tomorrow holds – donate today to Building Brighter Futures!

Progress to Date





Seth's Story

This fall Red Top focused on how each student's skills and Red Top Meadows is more than just a youth treatment facility. I graduated from RTM just over two years ago and I wish I could go back. It's unlike any other facility. It's a home. The staff manage to take care of all the boys there and still focus on each one individually. You get to build relationships with said staff that you won't get anywhere else. ***They truly believe in it being a choice-based program and that's what it is. You decide how well you'll do there. The staff encourage you to be your best you and are there every step of the way with you.***

One of the greatest features of RTM is without a doubt the wilderness program. In my short stay there, I had the amazing experience of going to the Spring and Summer WILDYS and start building the trail for Fall. I have yet to take the bracelets from them off to this day. It's a daily reminder. Not a reminder of how I messed up my life, but how the staff at Red Top helped me put it back together and the great people I met and experiences I had.

One of my greatest memories happened during the Summer WILDY. It was our layover day at Camp Lake and so myself and a supervisor at the time, Andy, took what we needed in our daypacks, found a point we wanted to get to and planned a route on the map. Just the two of us hiked up to a peak around 13000 feet, had lunch, and hiked back down in just a few hours. That's not a memory you would get at any other facility. Without a doubt, RTM, in my mind, as well as many others I'm sure, is the best option for any troubled youth.

Thank you for this opportunity, it has changed my life in ways I never knew were possible!

We would love to show you the unique Red Top Campus. Contact us today for a tour.

Phase 2

As we look to the future, this project will allow us to create:

- Single Occupancy Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining/Living Space
- Barn/Gym
- Greenhouse
- Staff Respite Space
- Library
- Courtyard
- And more....

Over the past year alone, TYFS has provided

50

days of wilderness therapy for 22 boys who passed through the Red Top Meadow Program

Leadership Program

Youth develop relationships with more diverse peers, learn new skills, and have fun, healthy outdoor experiences. This program also gives us positive connections with a large and broad segment of the families in the community and connects us with parents and children who may need services later in life.

Another summer of the Jackson Hole Leadership Program (JHLP) has drawn to a close. This summer marked the 31st year of JHLP. When JHLP first started, we did one or two sessions per summer with five or six kids in a group. Times have certainly changed over the last 30+ years; we now offer nine sessions of JHLP and serve 130 different young people. Of the 130 children who participated in JHLP, 30 are reserved for kids who need scholarships to participate. Our team would like to thank Olive Byrne. Without Olive's dedication and hard work, JHLP would not happen. A ton of logistics go into making the JHLP happen, and Olive and her JHLP Team's contributions and energy are second to none.



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Jackson Leadership Camp has offered our son the ability to grow as an individual and to explore the amazing place we get to call home. Isaac looks forward to camp each year as one of his summer highlights and returns energized with a stronger sense of self-worth and an ability to overcome challenge.

The leaders have always taken the time to recognize and build on the attendees' strengths and individual abilities.

I appreciate the way the leaders focus on each child as a truly unique individual and that they have the knowledge and training to bring out the best in our son.

–JHLP camper's parent

Leadership camp for me has been the best experience in my whole life!

The counselors are so supportive and never put pressure on us kids if we don't want to do something.

For example, the first year I did the camp we went to the Journey's School to do the ropes course and team building activities. When it was my turn to do the ropes course I was totally and completely petrified—but they helped me through it!

–Camper Issac

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MEET OUR

New Therapists



Mackenzie Kirkpatrick

With over eight years of experience working with youth and families in the public sector, Mckenzie is dedicated to empowering young individuals and guiding them towards a brighter future. While obtaining her BS in Human Services from Southern Oregon University, she simultaneously worked for the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), providing essential support to families which fueled her desire to work directly with young individuals. She then became a public high school social worker in Southern Oregon where she supported high school students before earning her Master of Social Work from Portland State University. As a therapist at Red Top Meadows, McKenzie provides comprehensive therapy services to youth in our residential treatment and therapeutic wilderness programs.



Kayla Barglowski

Originally from Connecticut, Kayla has always loved the mountains and is so excited to be in Jackson. Kayla first received a BS in Childhood and Special Education from New York University in 2017. After teaching for a few years, she began the shift to social work, wanting to support children and families in meeting their needs. Kayla received a Master in Social Work from the University of Connecticut in 2023 and is thrilled to be a part of the TYFS family. She strives to empower youth and their families through processing stressors, understanding emotions, and identifying skills and strategies that work for them.



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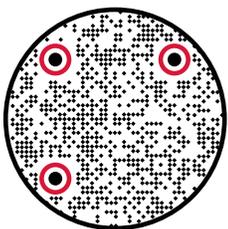


Run with purpose, Give with passion

At Teton Youth and Family Services our vision is to reinvent and rejuvenate safe, welcoming spaces for young people and families navigating crises and seeking hope. But we can't do it without your help!

Remember Teton Youth and Family Services during Old Bill's Giving Season August 11–September 15, 2023 and your gift will have an extra impact.

Join us for the race on September 9, 2023



**DONATE TODAY
AT OLDBILLS.ORG**



Staff Appreciation & Ribbon Cutting

SEPTEMBER 21

11:30-1:30p

Van Vleck House

Each year we seek to elevate our staff by having an event to show our appreciation. We try to make it a fun afternoon with activities, a good meal, and giveaways.

We will have food trucks and tours of the new buildings.

Ribbon cutting and dedication @ 12:45p.