

2020/2021

ANNUAL REPORT

JOURNEY TO DREAM FOUNDATION

Brighter Futures Better Communities

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO NESA GRIDER



Dear Friends,

During times like these, I am incredibly proud to be a part of the Journey to Dream Foundation; working to equip, empower, and embrace teens is at the very heart of everything we do. This past year we all were put to the test as we navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatened so much of what we hold dear. I am immensely proud of our teens, staff, donors, and partners for supporting each other and constantly pivoting and innovating to stay hopeful for the underserved population we serve and the community we live, play and work with.

We know that each day is bringing significant challenges and pressures on the operations of nonprofit organizations. Still, we know that we don't have time to dwell on what "might have been," but need to continue to focus and tackle new challenges presented by the pandemic and the growing population of at-risk and homeless youth.

Internally, we strengthened our team, welcoming a new School Program Coordinator to implement an enhanced middle and high school program focused on holistic selfdiscovery, self-acceptance, and positive and mental health. I am proud of what our team was able to accomplish this year, as an organization we continue to grow in our mission and it is our talented staff who make it all possible. Despite countless challenges, our team pulls together to support our teens and the community, all while adjusting our vision to make Journey to Dream stronger than ever.

Thank you to our Board of Directors who believe in us, donors and partners who trust us, and our staff who give it their all to make the vision a reality. We truly are changing a child, changing a family, and changing the community!

Respectfully, Nesa Grider Chief Executive Officer Journey to Dream

Since opening our doors in February 2017, Kyle's Place has provided more than 113,917 services.

Often referred to as the forgotten population, youth homelessness is on the rise. Teens 14 - 19 are the nation's invisible at-risk, most victimized, and undercounted population. Our 2021 service numbers speak volumes about this growing population and the ongoing need for support.



2020 HIGHLIGHTS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Kyles Place (2) 16-year-olds Residents adopted
- Three Residents Reunified with Family
- Resident accepted into SIL (Supervised Independent Living)
- Resident visited with Father after nine years
- Resident commissioned to paint an original art piece for celebrity
- All Residents Return to School
- Enhancement of School Program and Implemented in 5 schools
- Two Residents enrolled and attended College
- Two Residents Graduated from High School
- Resident selected to represent youth YLC statewide meeting
- Resident won a trip to Disney world through YLC
- Four Residents Nominated as Lewisville High Fantastic Farmers
- Four Resident Completed Drivers Education
- All Kyle's Place Residents were successfully promoted to the next grade level
- Survived the winter freeze, and facility flooding. Through the partnership of the Lamb of God Luthern Church and our generous community of donors, our teens were safe, warm and well-fed.

OUR MISSION

Journey to Dream (JTD) embraces, equips, and empowers hurting, at-risk, victimized, and homeless teens to overcome adversity and live purposeful lives. JTD offers a full breadth of services to a growing population of at-risk, hurting, and homeless youth with education, counseling, providing basic life needs and safe shelter while empowering them with positive coping/life skills, to become self-sufficient, productive, independent, successful adults.

CORE VALUES

Our core values, passion, vision, and mission are guided by our belief in God and our commitment to the spiritual values we hold dear.

CHANGING LIVES

"It was a great experience! For the girls and us moms! Makes us realize how blessed we are." - JTD Volunteer

"I know that sometimes I didn't always make the best decisions, but I appreciate everything that Kyle's Place did for me, it changed my life and put it in a good place." - Former Kyle's Place Teen

"I felt a lump in my heart as we all walked out as mothers and daughters, knowing that we have a home to go to and that people love us." - JTD Volunteer

"I've been to a lot of programs. There was one in Houston that I stayed at for 6 months, but it was a place to sleep and that was it. I haven't been to one as good as this one. This has been the best." Kyle's Place Teen

"Elise credits her success at Kyle's Place to anger management, counseling, learning patience, and caring staff. When I was going through stuff, I had no one to be there for me before Kyle's Place. I don't want others to have that feeling that no one is there for them." Former Kyle's Place Teen

"Everyone can get stuck in a loop no matter who they are. My worst fear is that loop - I've seen people get stuck in it for their entire lives. And it takes a personal decision to break out of that loop. It gets better, but it only gets better if you make it better. Journey to Dream is helping me to that." - School Program Group Teen

CONTINUUM OF CARE

After more than 18 years of service, with it's pioneering spirit, Journey to Dream is still one of the only service providers in North Texas of its kind. JTD offers an extensive continuum of care to hurting, at-risk, and homeless youth ages 14-19, including traditional living, trauma counseling, educational and vocational training, outreach and life skills training in addition to providing the necessities of food, clothing, medical care, and safe shelter from the streets.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Care at Kyle's Place begins with a one on one connection with a case manager to assess needs and develop an individualized plan. Kyle's Place offers a safe and supportive environment for young people ages 14 through 19, allowing time to work through issues, plan next steps, and build nesessary skills for independence.

WEEKLY SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS

Our programs are designed and offer mentoring, as well as teach behavioral and life skills, that empower at-risk youth in all aspects of their lives. These programs address in detail; anger management, conflict resolution; positive communication skills, positive relationships growth; substance abuse, teen pregnancy, setting realistic goals; good study habits, healthy eating habits; HIV and sexually transmitted disease, suicide prevention, depression, cutting and other destructive behaviors.

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

Believing that youth are society's most valuable resource, JTD's outreach programs provide services directly, or by collaborating with other agencies. We work closely with other organizations that work to protect and support young people who have been or are at risk.

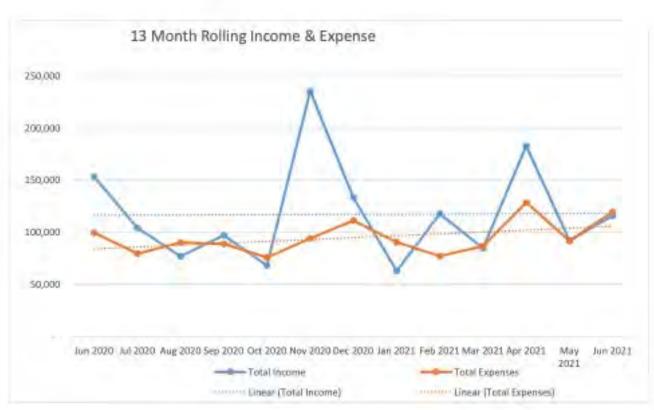


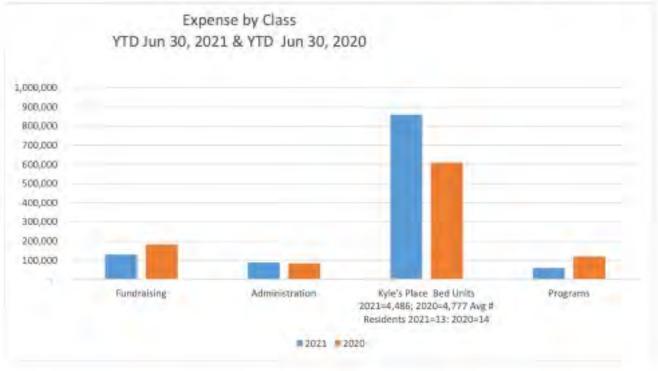
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

THE JOURNEY TO DREAM FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND JUNE 30, 2020

	2021 Unaudited	2020 Audited
Changes in undrestricted net assets		
Revenues		
Contributions-unrestricted	287,183	245,309
Services		110
Program Income	498,421	405,662
Grants	335,550	264,730
In-Kind Income	94,916	13,283
Interest Income	1,550	648
Event Income (less direct expenses of \$80,867 in		
2020 and \$ 37,086 in 2021)	125,593	162,767
Net asets released from restriction		5,000
Other Misc Income	2,668	
Total unrestricted revenues	1,343,213	1,097,510
Expenses		
Program services	920,241	725,820
Management and general	88,248	83,918
Fundraising	92,350	104,319
Total Expense	1,100,839	914,057
Increase in net assets without donor restrictions	242,374	183,453
Change in temporarily restricted net assets		
Contributions - temporarily restricted		
Net assets released from restriction	(27,279)	(5,000)
Decrease in temporarilyu restricted net assets	(27,279)	(5,000)
Changes in permanently restricted net assets	<u>-</u>	
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets	215,095	178,453
Net assets, beginning of year	649,230	470,777
Net assets, end of year	870,282	649,230

HISTORICAL TRENDS





SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our enhanced school program/curriculum is designed with a creative and reflective process. This program is designed to inspire, ignite and illuminate a passion within teens to journey to their dream equipped with the holistic tools needed to succeed.

Self-esteem does not happen through osmosis, just like learning math or history; our curriculum is designed for students, utilizing a holistic positive youth development approach. It contains activities to build teens' socialemotional competencies to become empowered to make healthy choices about their lives and feel confident about their future. The journey begins with an inspirational invitation then leads the students through the steps of learning to understand themselves, thus allowing them to build confidence and courage to navigate the world from a place of self-respect, strength and independence.

It concludes with celebrating each participant's development and growth, and sharing the group's journey through a teen talk show.

With this innovative and thought-provoking curriculum, the program enables self-discovery to meet each teen's needs. Overarching activities to facilitate reflective and critical thinking within the program are achieved through journaling, scrapbooking, reflection, community service projects, storytelling, creative expression and teen podcasts.









PROM 2020

With many of all other senior rites of passage, the Class of 2020 lost one of the true milestones of American high school students during COVID 19...PROM.

But as LHS prom night approached and went, Journey to Dream decided that even if the big hotel ballrooms and dance floors were not possible this year, the prom must go on.

Custom decorations transformed the living room area and patio into a vibrant party space with a DJ and five-star dinner wait staff. The teens fitted with suits and gowns danced late into the night.



THE HEARTBEAT OF JOURNEY TO DREAM

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Journey to Dream, unselfishly offering their time and expertise, enabling us to deliver vital programs and services.

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically altered life for all of us. Our unwavering volunteers still provided 2,783 hours of tutoring, meals, donation drives, facility repairs, prayers, and much more during these challenging times!

We continue to be amazed by the generosity and giving spirit of volunteers who continue to change the lives of our youth.







LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER AT HTTPS://JOURNEYTODREAM.COM/VOLUNTEER-1/







COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOP WITH A COP COVID-19 STYLE

Like many holiday programs, Journey to Dream and our Police Officers carefully considered how to manage this annual event during the COVID-19 environment in a way that ensures the health and safety of our team and guests. Like most things this year, the Shop with Cop event had a different look and feel, but the blessings were abundant.

Although teens could not meet personally and Shop with Cops, each nominated and participating teen was furnished with a \$150 gift card, backpack, gloves, hat, scarves, snacks, and personal hygiene items. Through the generous donations of the community, the Shop with Cop program was able to provide a Merry Christmas and Joyous Holiday season to 93 teens.







TEE OFF FOR TEENS GOLF CLASSIC

Each year, the King Architectural Metals Tee Off for Teens Golf Classic supporters come together for a first-class event to celebrate, network, and raise funds for Journey to Dream. The 17th annual Tee off for Teens Golf Classic took place on April 19th at Stonebriar Country Club, and by all accounts, continues to be one of the best tournaments of the year! With a noon shotgun start, everyone finished their 18 holes and vied for placement on the leader board. After golf, the festivities continued with players enjoying dinner, cocktails, and raffle drawings for spa packages, golf outings, King Architectural Custom Metal pieces, Nike sportswear, and much more. Dallas NBC5's Vince Sims announced the awards, and Eddie King shared a heartfelt message of how each golfer's participation is changing the lives of at-risk and homeless teens. We are beyond blessed with the continuous support of Leaderboard, Jeff Hedrick, King Architectural Metals, and Eddie King.







COMMUNITY EVENTS

BIKE WITH THE BLUE

May 15, 2021, was the first annual Bike with the Blue 5K Run and Bike Race benefiting Journey to Dream. The event raised over \$13,000, consisting of a 5K run, youth ride where children rode a short course with multiple law enforcement agencies, civilian bike races, and police bike races.



DUCK DERBY

Kyle's Place Kluckers were able to get 962 ducks successfully adopted! They fought their way to the finish line with fierce determination, where the first five to cross won Grand Prizes! Many other lucky ducks claimed fantastic runner-up prizes. Thank you, Cross Timbers Rotary, for your support and a fun event.







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We are blessed and honored by our sponsors for their unwavering support of Journey to Dream throughout the years.











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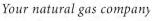


















We are so grateful for the support of our donors, corporate and community partners, who are committed to making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of so many teens. With your support, Journey to Dream continues to fulfill our mission to empower, equip and embrace teens.





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A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT CHRIS HATTON

Dear Friends,

5,310. That is how many heads on pillows Kyle's Place/Journey to Dream provided to the disadvantaged youth of North Texas this past year. As we started the New Year, we were still facing the challenges of operating in a COVID-19 world. Thankfully, those challenges facing the residents and the staff have lessened, and we are getting back to some sense of normalcy. Kids were able to attend school in person, go to work, go out for group outings, and most importantly, have family visits.

We can share some great news about our School Programs. We are excited that Journey to Dream's School Programs are back on the LISD campuses this school year, where we can continue to Equip, Empower, and Embrace the thousands of students we serve throughout the school year.

I want to thank Nesa Grider, CEO, and her entire team for going above and beyond the call of duty for the last 16 months to make sure Journey to Dream continues to deliver excellence to our residents, the youth of North Texas. Even though we were not on campus last year, the hard work of Nesa and our Program

Director allowed the school programs to grow and remain top of mind with everyone involved.

I also want to thank the dedicated members of the Journey to Dream Board. I am happy to announce that the board will remain consistent this year, as three outgoing board members have committed to serving another 3-year term. Thank you!

Finally, I want to thank all of you, our donors, and our volunteers. In my address last year, I was concerned that the community might not be able to support us as they would have liked. BOY, WAS I WRONG. The community stepped up to the plate in a big way and in many ways! Cash donations, event sponsorships, donations of food, clothing, computers, and services all added up to a financially successful year.

In closing, one last thank you to everyone involved in making Journey to Dream a shining light it was designed to be so many years ago. We cannot do this alone as it takes a community to raise a community.

Best Regards, Chris Hatton Journey to Dream President Board of Directors