

THE COFFEE
TO OASIS

Creating Opportunities

the Stories & Growth of 2015



changing the world for homeless youth



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VISION STATEMENT

Changing the world for homeless youth in one community after another through evidence-based youth programs supported by sustainable coffee businesses.

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest!” These words of Jesus capture beautifully the heart of our mission at The Coffee Oasis!

The homeless and broken youth that we serve are longing so much for rest...for hope, for a home and for help to become what they've been gifted by God to become but have often given up on the possibility of it becoming reality.

That is why we exist...to offer hope to young people who have given up hope, to offer a family and community to youth who've never really experienced such, and to offer help achieving what they never thought possible!

The stories you will see in this Annual Report: "Creating Opportunities" will give you a sneak peek into the lives of three young people and the exciting change they are experiencing like never before, and maybe, in a way they never thought possible....hope, a home and help!

Enjoy reading and thank you so much for caring and partnering with us in "changing the world for homeless youth"! I trust that these stories and this report will encourage each of you to become even more involved in the weeks and months ahead in impacting young lives.

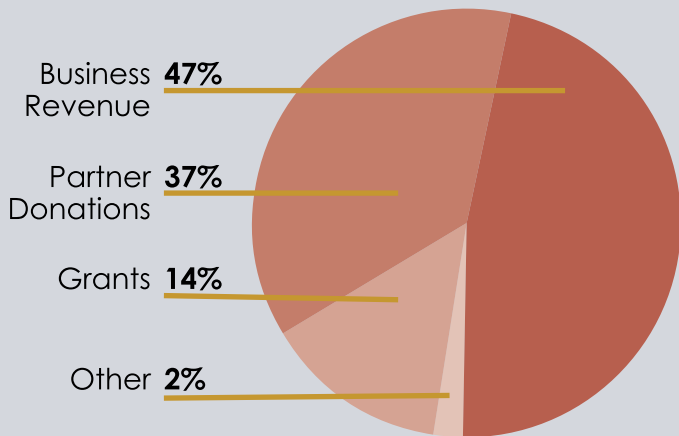
Thank you,
Dave Frederick
Executive Director



2015 FINANCES & IMPACT

What Money Came In

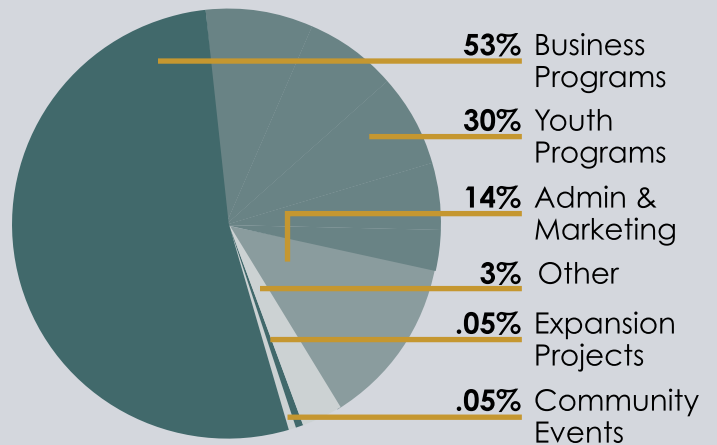
Total 2015 Income – \$1,870,585



How It Was Spent

Total 2015 Expenditures – \$1,621,133


Designated for Kingston & Belfair Projects – \$249,452



Breakdown: Youth Programs – \$492,677
 Business Program – \$858,349
 Admin & Marketing – \$214,776
 All Else – \$55,331

here are

9 amazing things that happened in 2015 because of your financial support

1  **149** youth were connected to services that increased their safety (like suicide prevention or emergency housing)

2  **1,951** youth were contacted through school and street outreach

3  **2** expansion projects - Kingston and Belfair - were begun and greatly funded


4  **6,813** hot meals were served to youth

5  **104** youth enrolled in case management

6  **1,366** youth entered an Oasis Center

7  **28** youth completed a job internship. 100% were employed within 6 months!

8  **222** youth accessed resources like laundry, showers, and hygiene items

9  **46** youth stayed at the shelter. 70% (32 youth) exited homelessness

BRITTANY'S STORY: "I Didn't See the Big Picture"

HIGHLIGHT : JOB INTERNSHIPS



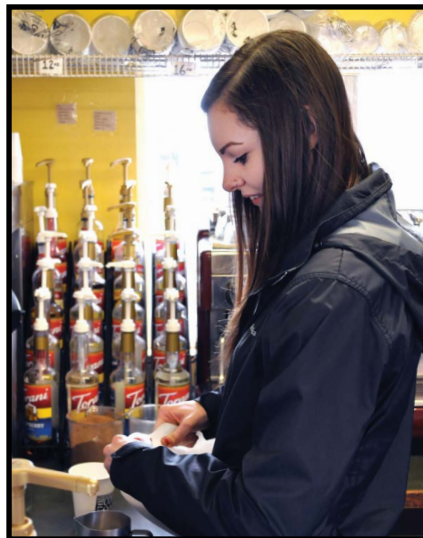
Brittany's parents split ways when she was in the 1st grade. After that the only constant in life was not knowing where they would sleep or find their next meal. Remembering those years, Brittany said, "We didn't eat much." Not-so-surprisingly what first drew Brittany to The Coffee Oasis was hearing that we serve meals throughout the week. For about 2 years that was all The Coffee Oasis meant to her—free food. **"Like most kids my age," Brittany recalls, "I didn't see the big picture."**

All that changed one day when she heard about HOPE INC, the job training program at The Coffee Oasis. She had heard before, but this time it made sense. Brittany took the job preparation classes and was placed in the barista internship at The Coffee Oasis Drive-Thru in Bremerton. Working alongside the staff provided Brittany with the skills and confidence to get hired after completing her internship at another local coffee stand. The Coffee Oasis staff invested in Brittany at work and invited her to see how they lived outside of work, too. She remembers that experience as being the game-changer in her life, **"We all need that certain person that comes into our life and helps us do the right thing."**



Brittany is constantly looking forward. With the support of The Coffee Oasis she graduated high school last year and is currently working on pre-nursing classes at Olympic College. Along with work and school, Brittany's mother relies on her for support. With so much

uncertainty in her past, Brittany's dream is very simple, **"I just want to be stable. I want a house and food...and comfortable couches. I really like interior design."**



Brittany polished her coffee and people skills during her job internship at the Drive-Thru.

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and helps us do
the right thing."*

RUSSELL'S STORY: "I Have Something To Live For"

HIGHLIGHT : OUTREACH

Last year, Russell's* family's house burned down. Even before this trauma, Russell was having a rough go at life. He had been suspended from school multiple times because of his involvement with a group of kids who called themselves a gang and caused a lot of trouble. Because of his low grades, poor attendance, and aggressive behavior, Russell's school recommended him to our Oasis Assist program.

If you met Russell today, you wouldn't recognize him from this description. Russell is a changed young man! At the end of the year Russell decided to pull out of the gang and focus on school. Russell has significantly improved his grades and is no longer failing any classes. The Oasis Assist curriculum and his mentor helped inspire a totally new take on life.

Russell told
Outreach Manager
Darrell Thomas,
"Thank you for

*"Thank you for teaching me
I have something to live for."*

teaching me I have something to live for." After his house burned down Russell received emergency resources, school supplies, and clothing at The Coffee Oasis to help him and his family. Russell continues to make progress, catching up on his credits and looking forward to graduating.

*name changed to
respect youth's identity

Darrell Thomas, Manager of Street Hope, goes to schools and out on the streets to connect with kids like Russell and invite them to the opportunities at The Coffee Oasis.



GWEN'S STORY: "Watching Her Succeed Gives Us Hope"

HIGHLIGHT : CASE MANAGEMENT

Gwen had 10 minutes to pack her bags. Her step-mother had given her dad an ultimatum, "Gwen stays or I stay." The decision was made, Gwen would leave. She was just 18. At one time she had been daddy's little girl. Her favorite childhood memory was going to a Valentine's daddy/daughter dance. That was before her dad remarried. Soon after the marriage, Gwen felt unwanted at home.

After Gwen packed her bags, her step-mother drove her to a shelter. She found herself in an unfamiliar place, abandoned and alone. Her first day at the shelter Gwen was pointed to The Coffee Oasis. Gwen connected with a case manager, Jon Stroup, who mobilized community resources to transition her to independent living. Jon helped Gwen get established in a new school, vocational training, and permanent housing. Jon remembers first meeting Gwen, **"I was so worried for her. She had so many barriers, so much brokenness. Watching her succeed gives us case managers hope that anything is possible."**

As a part of case management, Gwen was paired with a mentor. She has graduated from case management and is living in her own apartment. She still spends one night a week in the home of her mentor, cooking and sharing family time. Gwen smiles easily and speaks with grace. With all the miraculous successes she still carries a painful longing for family and home. She wants to be reunited with family.

Gwen stands with her case manager Jon outside the Coffee Oasis Admin building where they met every week to work towards her goals.



REAL COFFEE CLUB

a monthly or bi-weekly
coffee subscription



get coffee
GIVE OPPORTUNITY

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Reasons to Join:



- Your purchase gives both ways:** You receive the best fresh-roasted coffee, and your purchase creates opportunities for homeless youth.
- You get the best coffee** reliably and regularly shipped to your door.
- You stay connected to the story** of how your purchase is making a difference! Real Coffee Club members receive youth stories, updates, invitations, and special coupons with each shipment.

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3 **FACTS** about our coffee

- 1 It creates opportunities for homeless youth. **1 bag of coffee provides 1 day** of a youth's job internship.
- 2 It's Direct Trade coffee, which translates into **fair wages and community development** for the coffee farmers.
- 3 It's **organic & shade grown**, keeping sustainability in mind.

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