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changing the world for homeless youth

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2016 ANNUAL REPORT



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Growing to Make a Greater Impact

**1997 to 2017. Twenty years of “changing the world for homeless youth”!** Wow! Looking back floods my mind with so many incredible memories. What an incredible “ride” it has been!

But we are not done!

And so...looking forward means continuing to ask and answer the question, “How can we better change the world for homeless youth?”

In 2016, the answer to that question resulted in starting a crisis intervention team (an outreach worker connecting with first responders and developing a youth crisis line, a case manager working with homeless inmates in the county jail and juvenile detention center to connect them to resources, and a mental health therapist to meet with youth onsite at each of our locations). Exciting!

2016 saw the opening of a new café location in Bremerton providing job training and jobs.

And 2016 saw the purchase of a building in Kingston for the opening of a Kingston café and youth center in 2017 to better serve the homeless youth of Kingston and surrounding communities.

In 2017, we are looking forward to the beginning of the next 20 years!

We look forward to sharing stories and providing opportunities this year for you to see and hear and become involved in this important ministry together.

Imagine this year together “changing the world for homeless youth”!

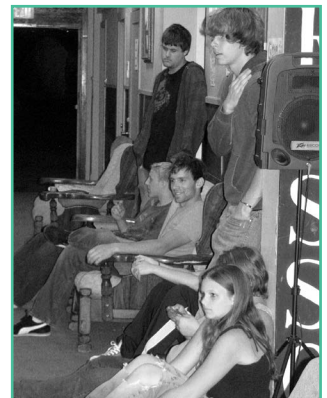
Dave Frederick  
Executive Director



Youth gather at a Friday Late Night in 1998 at the original Coffee Oasis on Warren Ave, Bremerton.



Rocky, now our coffee roaster, was first a youth who came to late nights.



Over the years, thousands of youth have called the CO home.



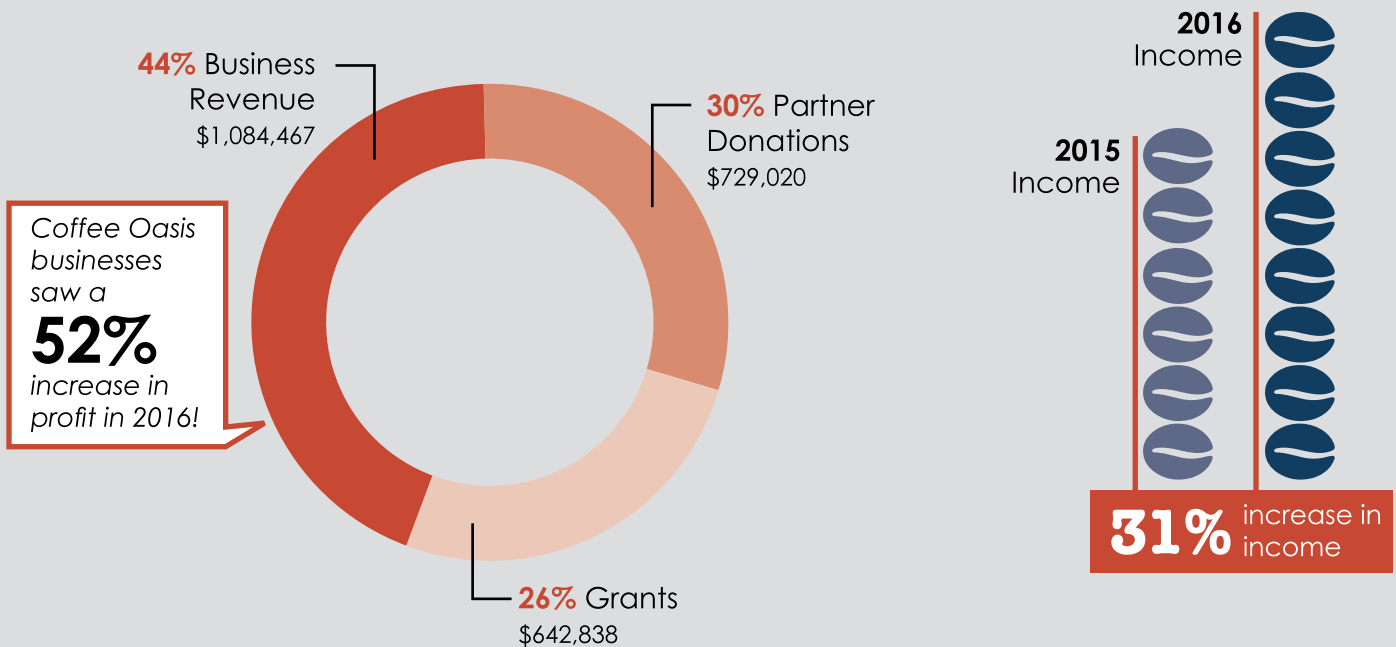
Youth and their families at the 2009 Christmas Party in the Burwell Cafe. It was renovated in 2014.

# 2016 Finances

This past year brought financial growth in both the businesses and youth programs. As an organization we are committed to increasing the sustainability of our businesses and expanding our youth programs to reach more youth in more communities!

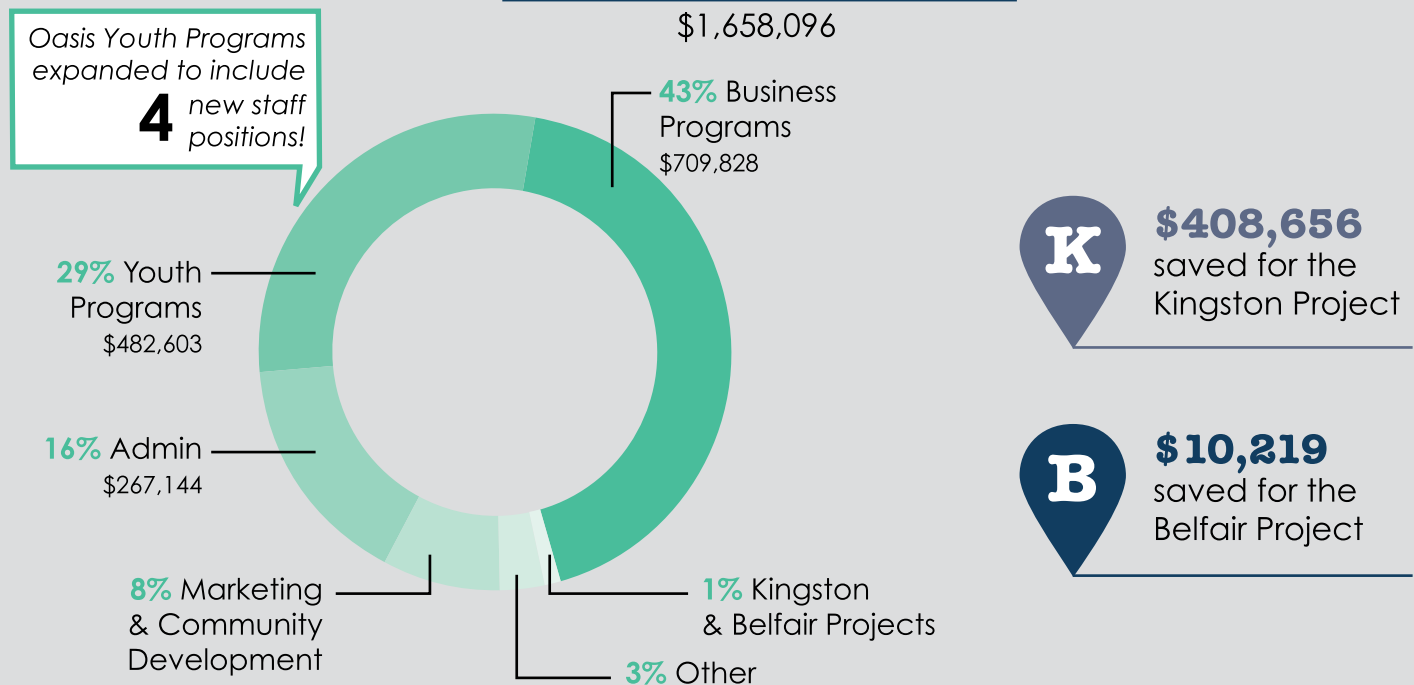
## TOTAL INCOME

\$2,456,325



## TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,658,096



# J's story

Getting to interview J was not as simple as setting up appointment. I arrived for our scheduled time together and waited in his small, untidy office at Habitat for Humanity. It was incredible to watch him in action. **This was a very different young man than I remembered first meeting years ago.** J filled me in on what has happened in-between then and now.

Looking back at his life, J remembers a lot of depression. At first he didn't know what to call his lack of desire for life. To him it was just terrible tiredness. The tiredness never went away, though. It made him feel lonely and alone. **He didn't have friends and, in his own words, "failed all the way into high school."**

At the age of 16, J moved to Bremerton. By this time his aunt was done with his lack of motivation and gave him an ultimatum: "Do something with your life or get out." J left home and experienced homelessness for the first time. **Bad decisions eventually landed J in jail and that is where he first heard about The Coffee Oasis.**

J connected with The Coffee Oasis when he was released from jail, but he still couldn't "fight the thoughts of being lazy and a piece of trash." It wasn't long before J left town again. For a while he traveled with his dad who drove a big rig throughout United States and Canada. When that life got old, J found his way back to Bremerton. **While helping his boyfriend get connected with The Coffee Oasis, J thought he'd try it again for himself.**

This time it stuck. Although he had never worked before, his case manager, Jon, found an internship placement that was a perfect fit. After the internship J continued volunteering at Habitat for Humanity. Through his internship he discovered a passion for web development and redesigned Bremerton's Habitat website. **J told me, "I know things now that I never could have."** With the structured support of a work routine and meeting with his case manager, J enrolled at Olympic College and will start taking classes in autumn quarter.

**The way J describes The Coffee Oasis is as "Something I couldn't do without."** We are so proud of J and excited to see what the future holds for him.



# Creating Opportunities

In 2016, we met **974 youth on outreach** and **1,363 youth who entered our Oasis Centers** (727 were literally homeless at the time). Every one of these youth were invited to seize opportunities that had been created by your support of Oasis Youth Programs. Many of them succeeded.

## STABILITY

**7** youth lived in new transitional house

In partnership with a local landlord, we opened a youth transitional house. The first 5 youth who moved in all had income but had been homeless. In 2016 it was home to 7 youth who contributed to the household and gained stability in their living situation!



## EMPLOYMENT

**27** youth completed job internships

*"In the beginning I didn't think I was going to make it. But I did! And I'm so happy now that I did it!" – Sam / Despite the challenges, 27 youth gained confidence and work experience through job internships.*

## HOUSING

**56** youth exited homelessness

*"Homeless is all I know. It's hard to break a habit when it's all you know." – Key / This year many youth fought to break the cycle of homelessness in their lives. Through the youth shelter and case management programs, 56 youth successfully moved into stable housing!*



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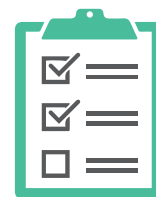
youth accessed resources in the Oasis Centers

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youth were mentored through outreach programs

# 163



youth enrolled in case management

# Growth

As we have grown, we want to make sure we stay true to our roots and grow in the right direction. The question we asked ourselves this year was the same asked when The Coffee Oasis began 20 years ago: "How do we make sure we are reaching the youth who are hurting the most, who are the most needy?" In response to that question, **we added 3 new youth programs** to ensure we are reaching young people who are most in danger of "slipping through the cracks." **A new location in Kingston will also offer opportunities and care to a new community of youth!**



## YOUTH CRISIS LINE

**40** youth received help through the Youth Crisis Line

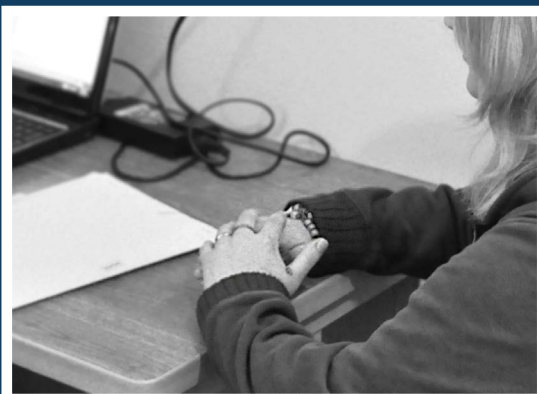
*"I just want to feel happy again."* - T / Whether it's suicidal thoughts or sudden homelessness, youth in crisis have few places to turn to. The Oasis Youth Crisis Line launched in September and offers youth in crisis a place to call and receive immediate support.



## THERAPY

**30** youth participated in individual counseling

Many youth we meet do not have a trusted adult to talk to. Hiring a licensed therapist this year means hurting youth now have access to reliable counseling and compassionate guidance. An equine therapy program was also launched, and 8 girls participated!



## JAIL CASE MANAGEMENT

**31** youth met with a case manager while in jail

When a youth exits jail, they often walk back into the same hopeless situation they were in upon entry. By hiring a case manager to work with youth in jail, we have built relationships and connected kids with resources and a game plan for change!



From left to right: CO Board President Bianca Garguile, CO founders Cindy, Daniel, and David Frederick, and the Centioli family who donated the property celebrate at the grand opening of the Naval Cafe!



## Naval Cafe Opened!

"We would like to give you this property." That was how the Naval Cafe in Bremerton came to be! Partners generously donated an old KFC property to The Coffee Oasis. Volunteers, the Rotary, local businesses, and youth from the Oasis helped renovate the space. The doors opened on July 5! It is now the 5th Coffee Oasis business serving direct trade coffee and creating opportunities for homeless youth!

## Breaking Ground in Kingston



For two years, a core group of Kingston community members have dreamed of creating a place in Kingston for hurting and homeless youth. This year, their dream became reality! A location was purchased, over \$860,000 was raised, and a ground breaking celebration was held at the future Kingston Coffee Oasis! The location will be renovated to become a youth program center and cafe, and will open in 2017.



At the Kingston Groundbreaking Celebration, a room full of partners and community members listened to a youth, Josh, share how the Coffee Oasis helped him out of homelessness into housing and employment.

**4,435**

bags of coffee sold



**8**

coffee farms partnered with



**25,671**

lattes made and served



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a brighter future.

**\$20**

**every month**



provides 2 days of a  
youth's job internship

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837 4th St  
Bremerton, WA 98337

**Come Party!**

20 years of changing the world  
for homeless youth.

**20th Anniversary Celebration**

Friday April 28 at 6:30pm  
Poulsbo Community Church  
651 NW Finn Hill Rd, Poulsbo, WA 98370



Coffee cuppings  
Free give-aways  
Stories  
Refreshments  
"Becoming Homeless"  
interactive experience