



FALL

IMPACT REPORT



2022

A SAFE PLACE FOR LUCAS

January - September:



886

youth attended **classes**
at drop-in centers



8,077

meals were provided at
drop-in centers



1,808

bed nights were provided
through housing services

Bremerton Shelter: 380
Nelson House: 425
The Loft Youth Shelter: 1,003



2,784

text messages were
responded to through
our **24 hour crisis line**



43

youth have connected to
safe, stable housing

LUCAS' STORY

"I went from having a GED and barely even being able to hold a job to having four years of management experience. The opportunities Coffee Oasis gave me led me to where I am now."

Lucas experienced many hardships growing up. **"I don't remember much of my childhood before 4th or 5th grade because of severe abuse."** His father struggled with PTSD and paranoia. Because of this, Lucas was very isolated in his younger years. As he got older, this led into depression, mental health issues, acting out, and running away. **"I kind of got into my teen years and was slowly but surely getting a bit more freedom. I found myself in a place where I had to learn to navigate the world. After being isolated for so long and not learning that stuff, I was super uncomfortable. Drugs became my answer to being okay."**

Lucas came across The Coffee Oasis by happenstance when he was couch surfing or living in motels. **"I used to hangout by the waterfront in Port Orchard and do drugs down there and be a nuisance. I heard music during one of the Friday nights and wandered up there [to the drop-in center]. When I realized it was a place for youth and a place to eat when I didn't have food, I started hanging out there."**

Lucas struggled with addiction and having supportive people in his life. **"I didn't have a great relationship with my parents. I was very lost and didn't really have anyone in my life who I felt like believed in me or was helpful or could remotely point me in the right direction. There was a point I overdosed at the park in Port Orchard. I blacked out and they took me in the ambulance. Paul—a Coffee Oasis staff—followed up with me and I knew it was more than just a place to eat."** Eventually, Lucas moved into the Bremerton shelter.

While staying in the Bremerton shelter, Lucas found out about The Coffee Oasis job training program and completed an internship with MOD Pizza. He did such an excellent job that he worked his way from intern to assistant manager. He was even able to travel around Washington to help open other stores. **"During the internship, working with MOD, I went from having a GED and barely even being able to hold a job to having four years of management experience. The opportunities Coffee Oasis gave me led me to where I am now."**

Although his journey in recovery hasn't always been a straight path, his job enabled him to attend a treatment center. He also was able to connect with a mentor through NA who taught him about the program and kept him accountable. **Now, he is a shift lead at Starbucks and attending school online at Arizona State University for anthropology and biology.**

Lucas is grateful for the support of The Coffee Oasis. **"Even several years after being involved, the fact that I will still get people reaching out gives evidence that people really do care and want to see the best in people."**

Thank you for giving youth like Lucas a safe place to call home, learn, and grow so that they can thrive.

So far, **\$495k** has been raised out of the **\$740k** needed to fully fund The Coffee Oasis **Housing Services** for one year.

If 340 people sponsored a bed in the shelter every month, our housing services would be fully funded for the year. For only \$60, you can sponsor a bed in the shelter for one night. **Would you consider sponsoring a bed in the shelter every month?**

Daniel Frederick
Executive Director

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