

# Tonya's House

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Annual Newsletter 2004

## 2004 Statistics

**702 emergency and transitional nights of housing to runaway, homeless & at-risk female youth**

**887 outreach contacts were provided to male and female youth and include advocacy, guidance, link to education, health services, obtain proper identification, employment, and self-sufficiency!**

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## Community Support

Your donations are used to assist youth with their basic needs, a warm bed and meal, clothing, and health care needs.

We provide on-site adult mentor to encourage and support youth with positive choices, enroll and attend an education program, transportation to health or counseling appointments, obtain proper identification and gain employment.

**Thank You!**  
**Your tax deductible gift is greatly appreciated!**

## Founder's Day Celebration

Tonya's House Board of Directors will host the third annual Founder's Day Celebration. The event will include dinner, entertainment and silent auction.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th, 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church, 201 SW Dorion in Pendleton.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for a dinner of lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert.

Entertainment and a silent auction will be going on throughout the evening. Bidders get ready to place your bids on a variety of items!

If you received this newsletter, we will send you a reminder invitation.

Please come join us!

Thanks to the participants, volunteers and businesses that supported the 2003 Founder's Day Celebration and Silent Auction.

**You Made it a Big Success!**



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## Emergency services & "Safe Place"

Since our inception, Tonya's House has increased their services to meet the needs of our youth in our community. We now offer emergency or respite nights of housing and a "safe place" for youth.

A youth can stay at Tonya's House for an emergency night of housing while they are working on family issues or just need a warm bed for the night.

Residing in a rural area, we often times find a youth in need of a "safe place" to stay during the day in connection with attending school, a drug free activity, or accessing health services.

With our on-site adult mentor, Tonya's House has been able to provide these additional services to youth and their families in our community.

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## Youth Success Story

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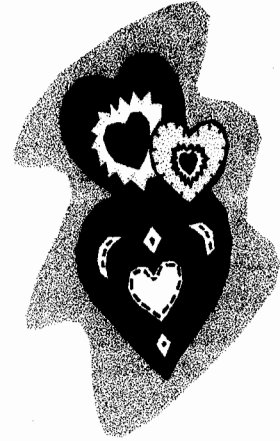
I was a 17 year old homeless youth who needed assistance while I was detained for a minor probation violation.

I had not attended school for two years and struggled with alcohol and drug issues. Upon moving into Tonya's House I began attending the alternative school and drug and alcohol classes.

I was able to complete my goals and obtain full-time employment and rent an apartment.

I appreciate the goals I was able to obtain while at Tonya's House.

Thank You  
A youth served by Tonya's House



**"Helping Youth Help  
Themselves"**

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## A Parent's Success Story

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To the Founders of Tonya's House:

We would like to say thank you for having a safe place for our daughter to go and get some help.

It's very comforting to know there's a place for the girls to go and not be living on the street.

The staff are great in giving support to the girls and also to us the parents.

We hope you continue having a safe haven for the kids to turn too.

Thank you

A Parent

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## 2004 Donors and Supporters

Thank-you for your support of Tonya's House in 2004!

Tonya's House would not have been able to offer services without the following donors and support from:

### Community Agencies & Foundations

- ♥ Altrusa Club
- ♥ Community Bargain Counter
- ♥ CAPECO – Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
- ♥ Juan Young Trust
- ♥ Pendleton Community Health Corporation
- ♥ Pendleton Foundation Trust
- ♥ Umatilla Co. Commission on Children and Families
- ♥ Umatilla/Morrow United Way
- ♥ Wildhorse Foundation

### Service Clubs and Businesses

- ♥ Albertsons Community partners
- ♥ Eastman Vending
- ♥ Janet Hume, CPA
- ♥ Francesco Rinaldi
- ♥ KFC of Pendleton
- ♥ Lostine Neighborhood Club
- ♥ Kiwanis – Round Up & noon club
- ♥ Oregon Trail Internet
- ♥ Papa Murphey's

- ♥ Palmer Roofing
- ♥ Pendleton Electric
- ♥ Pendleton Fire station #2
- ♥ Rob Merriman Plumbing
- ♥ Round Up Republican Women
- ♥ St. Anthony Hospital
- ♥ TOPS group
- ♥ Unicom
- ♥ Wheatland Insurance
- ♥ Wal-Mart Foundation & Store #2492

### Churches

- ♥ Community Presbyterian Church – Pilot Rock;
- ♥ Hope Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Latter Day Saints Women's Group
- ♥ Pendleton Presbyterian Women & Church
- ♥ Ukiah Presbyterian Church;
- ♥ Umatilla Presbyterian Women's Association
- ♥ United Methodist Women

### Individuals

- ♥ Darlene Abney
- ♥ Anonymous Donor
- ♥ Steve & Delores Bjerke
- ♥ Bill & Shirley Griffith
- ♥ Beryl Grilley
- ♥ Phil & Kathy Houk
- ♥ Marjorie Iburg
- ♥ Marilyn & Allan Jio



Happy New Year!

- ♥ Debra Kellogg
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- ♥ Mayor Bob Ramig & Lois Ramig
- ♥ Shirlee McGreer & Sylvia Clawson
- ♥ Sue Nelson
- ♥ Beth & Tim O'Hanlon
- ♥ Jean Thompson
- ♥ Lorna Waltz
- ♥ Hugh & Jean Whitbread
- ♥ John Wilcox
- ♥ Don & Judy Witte
- ♥ Martha Yakovleff

### Special Volunteers

- ♥ Staci Buchanan; Tom Gill; Doug Kunz; Gloria Larson; Angela Mahaffey; Rose Murphey; Linda Neuman; Carolyn Pearson; Cheri Rhinhart
- ♥ Webpage: Erika Lasater & ESD
- ♥ Pete & ElRae Wells

We are grateful for the support of our mentorship program from the Juan Young Trust.

### 2003 Founder's Day Celebration Volunteers

Presbyterian Church & Women's group  
 Latter Day Saints Women's group  
 Catholic Daughter's Round-Up Kiwanis Club  
 Pastor Marc Mullins Haddock Family Fiddlers  
 Amanda Tullis, Alex Carlson & Dan Emert  
 Tonya's House Board of Directors

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homeless youth shelter in  
Eastern Oregon!**

**Thank you St. Anthony  
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printing of our newsletter!**

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## Happy Holidays!

### Board of Directors & Staff

Gloria Larson, Chair  
Cheri Rhinhart, Secretary/Treasurer  
Staci Buchanan  
Linda Neuman  
Carolyn Pearson  
Staci Kunz, Executive Director  
Nikki Scott, House Coach

If you are interested in helping with Tonya's House, volunteers can assist by serving on the Board or assisting with our annual fundraiser. The Board meets once a month to maintain policies and procedures and a financial review. The Board plans and completes an annual fundraiser and additional volunteers are needed.

If you interested in volunteering at Tonya's House, please call Staci Kunz at 276-3768 for more information.



### Tonya's House Wish List

Cleaning supplies/Paper products  
Perishable foods  
Full-size soaps and shampoos  
Cooking pots – various sizes  
New TV

Call 276-2900 for details or  
arrange for delivery.