



Tumbleweed

Lasting Change for Vulnerable Youth

The latest news and updates



LAUREN'S STORY

While attending and participating in Division 1 athletics at the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Lauren became involved in gang activity and drug experimentation. Drug usage became more frequent in her life and she was ultimately asked to unenroll from the university.

Without a stable place to live, Lauren wound up in Spokane, Washington then California. While in California, she came in contact with human traffickers. Threatened and fearing for her life, Lauren reached out to her parents in Montana.

Thanks to a family friend, they learned about Tumbleweed. Lauren immediately began to build meaningful relationships with the Tumbleweed team and also utilized several of the services and programs offered by Tumbleweed.

At 21, Lauren became pregnant. She contacted the Tumbleweed team who helped her get accepted into HRDC's Harmony House. While there, she worked to get clean and sober. Once she was on the right path, Lauren left Harmony House to reunify with her parents. She is now raising her beautiful son in a safe environment with love and support from her family.

Lauren credits Tumbleweed with being a place of hope, acceptance and community. We are honored to know Lauren and are very proud of her!

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Times of crisis, like the ones we find ourselves in, require agility and innovation. Over the past several months, our Tumbleweed team has creatively and compassionately pivoted to best meet the needs of vulnerable and homeless youth and young adults in our community.

We are very proud to share with you, that our Tumbleweed team began a Street Outreach Program in early March. This means that we are essentially traveling to meet our youth and young adults right where they are at. It could be on sidewalks, parks, outside of convenience stores; wherever they are living or sheltering in place during this time.

During these visits, our Tumbleweed team provides food boxes, emergency assistance, and other support they might need. Front door and Drop-In Center services will be re-evaluated based on COVID-19 guidelines in our community.

If you need help, are in crisis or need to talk, Tumbleweed staff are available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. To connect with a Tumbleweed team member, call 406-259-2558.



Georgia Cady doing case management with a youth.

A NIGHT OF HOPE

In lieu of our annual Gala, this year we are going VIRTUAL!

At the beginning of July, we began hosting a social media fundraising campaign that will wrap up on October 23rd, with an exciting and dynamic live virtual event!

Over the next couple of months we hope to inspire, trigger, and motivate YOU to help us end youth homelessness.

This year, we are going big, but we NEED YOU, to help us reach our goal of...

💡 \$250,000!! 💡

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with inspiring videos from our team and the youth and young adults that we serve daily.

We hope you consider to be a sponsor for this unique and fun event.

To request a sponsorship packet, please e-mail Ericka Travis at ericka.travis@tumbleweedprogram.org

To make a donation, please go to: www.tumbleweedprogram.org/donate/



Tumbleweed's team thanking our first virtual event sponsors!

WISH LIST 2020

THANK YOU for the love and support that you have shown us during these unprecedented times! Due to the growing demands for Tumbleweed, we have created an Amazon Wish List to best serve the youth and young adults in our community.

Check out our Amazon wish list for immediate needs for our pantry and back to school needs. This is a super easy way to help us from the comfort and safety of your house and/or your phone! The items will be delivered straight to our door step.

You can also make a difference in the lives of our community's vulnerable and homeless youth and young adults by contributing with an online donation. No gift is ever too small or too big! To make an online contribution, please go to: www.tumbleweedprogram.org/donate/

Again, thank you... our mission continues because of your generosity!

If you have any questions, please contact Ericka Travis at ericka.travis@tumbleweedprogram.org or call 406-259-2558.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Time of crisis, uncertainty and change require grit. As we have navigated through the last several months, it has been both amazing and heartbreaking to watch youth and young adults that we are honored to serve demonstrate the greatest level of grit. As the rest of the world is challenged by drastic changes in lifestyle, youth and young adults at-risk of or experiencing homelessness are up against unimaginable factors and obstacles. The Tumbleweed team is honored to work with our community, and incredibly resilient youth and young adults, to not just get through this challenging time, but to shine.

Thank you for the support that you have provided to Tumbleweed. This is a time to come together and we have felt the grace and love from all of you in so many ways. We are grateful!

Be well and be happy!
Erika Willis



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