



A SENSE OF HOME

CREATE A HOME, CHANGE A LIFE

VOLUNTEER KIT



# WHY YOU'RE HERE

YOUTH WHO "AGE-OUT" OF FOSTER CARE EACH YEAR  
ARE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

A NEW SOLUTION IS

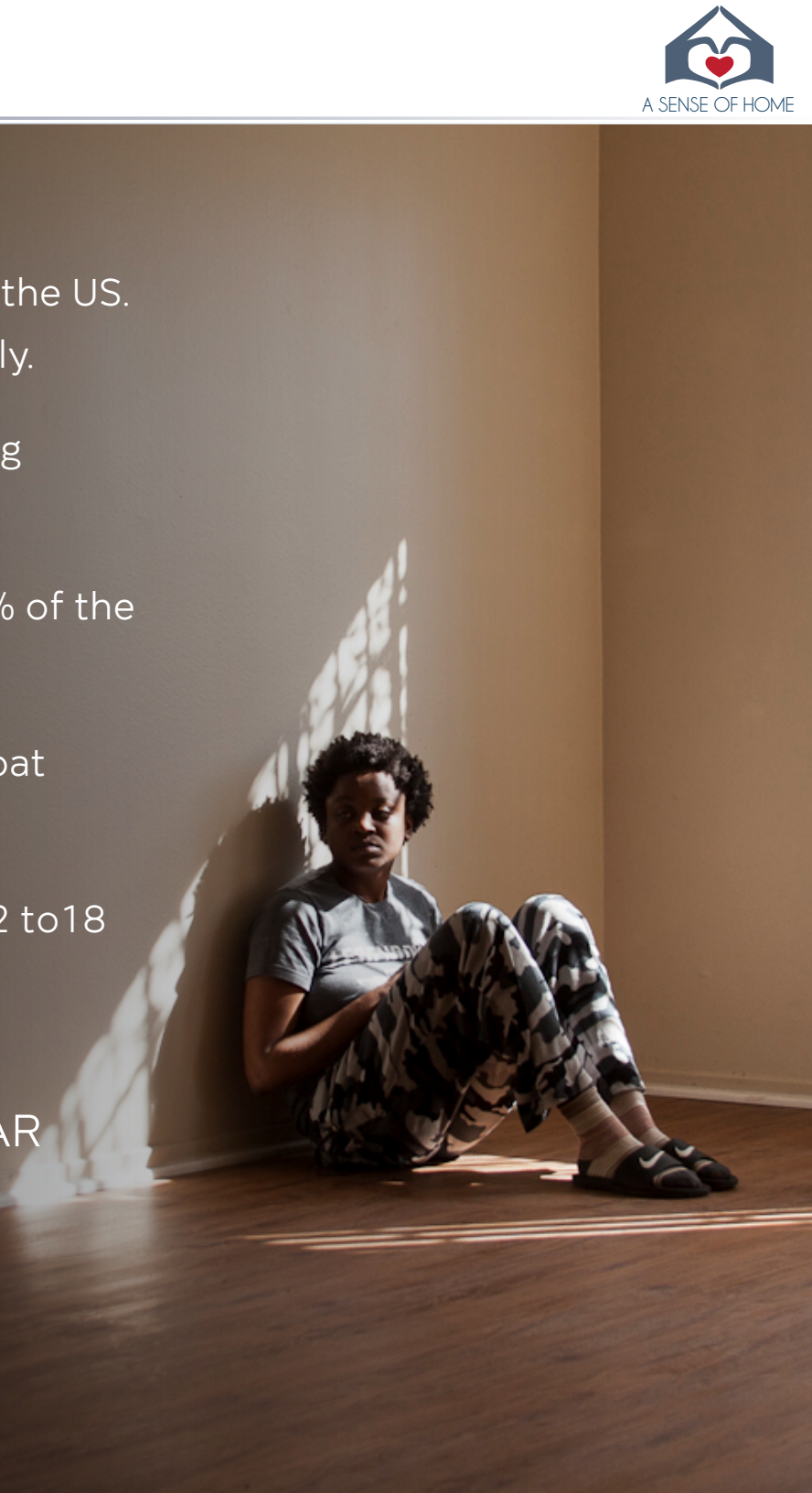


A SENSE OF HOME



- Approximately 400,000 youth are in foster care in the US. 20k-35k age-out each year without support of family.
- 77 % of women aging-out become pregnant, risking another generation reentering the system.
- This population is at high risk for homelessness - 50% of the homeless population spent time in foster care.
- Foster youth have higher rates of PTSD than combat veterans of the Vietnam and Iraq wars.
- Fewer than half of young adults were employed 12 to 18 months after aging out of the foster care system.

THE COST TO SOCIETY IS \$8 BILLION/ YEAR



# THE SOLUTION

Imagine you have lived the first 18 years of your life in the foster care system, or maybe you've been struggling on the street. You've never had a family, much less a home to call your own. Now, at age 18, you have 'aged out' of the system' and are left with no support system and nowhere to go.

A Sense of Home is a disruptor model that transforms the lives of foster youth by creating their first-ever home. This is a chance at dignity - it offers a sense of self-worth and a foundation from which this vulnerable population can thrive.

Staff leading the program are former foster youth & one time recipients who work in a powerful partnership with youth paying it forward, and volunteers from the community to serve as family — furnishing the youths space with high quality donated furniture, love, hope & humanity that inspires the youth to be as successful as their new environment. The disruptive self-sustaining model is very low cost, a high return on investment & ready for replication around the US.



The Create a Home, Change a Life volunteer experience is an incredibly powerful way to contribute to A Sense of Home.

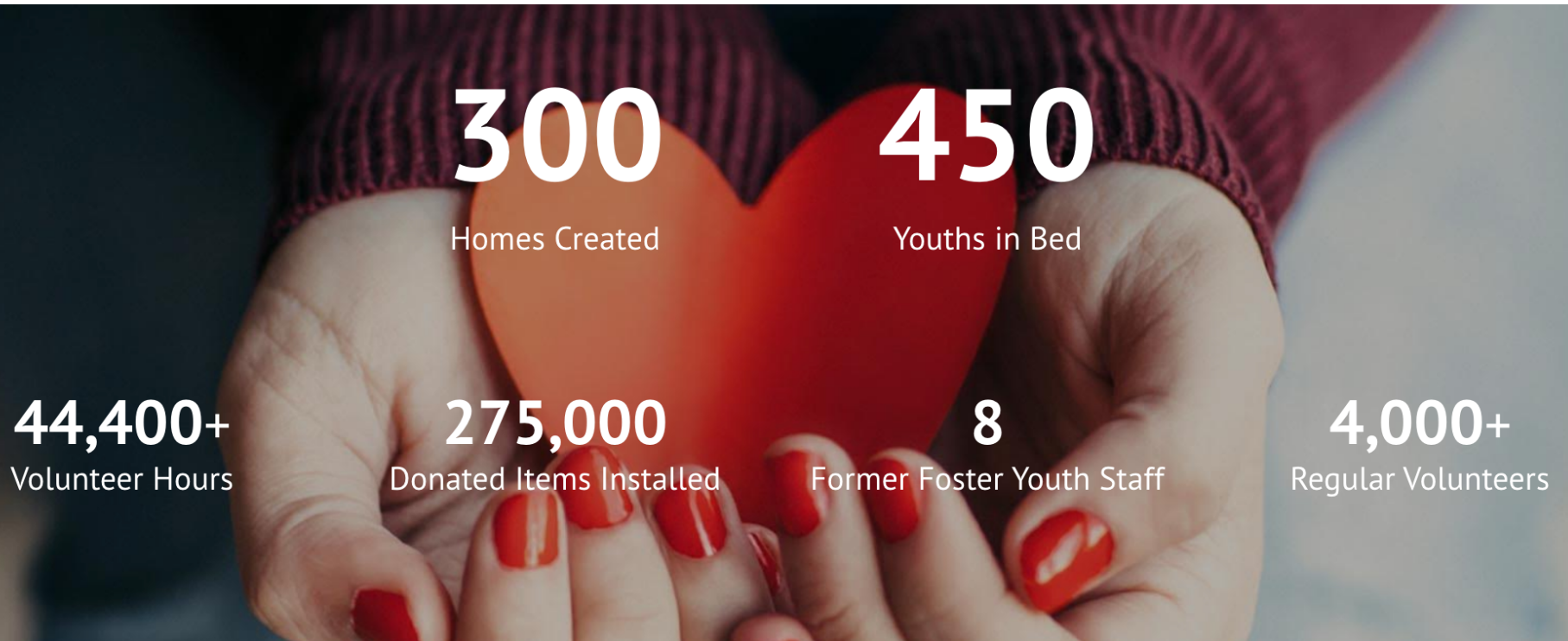
You will:

- Create your own team so you can work alongside your friends, family or colleagues to create a sense of home for someone less fortunate. You will never forget this day.
- Host a fundraiser or online campaign to raise \$5k, which is what it takes for ASOH to make this happen. Most of our items are donated, but we will purchase anything we're low on.
- Spend two hours, scheduled at 11 am on a Friday or Saturday, to put the home together, and experience the homecoming when the home is presented. An emotional experience, to say the least.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Step 1: Email our Program Director Yolanda at [Yolanda@asenseofhome.org](mailto:Yolanda@asenseofhome.org) so she can help you schedule your date.
- Step 2: Set up your online fundraising campaign at <https://www.crowdrise.com/a-sense-of-home>
- Step 3: Get the word out & raise that money! You can use the text on the following page to spread the word via email and social media.
- Step 4: Check out the [Volunteer Prep Sheet](#) prior to the big day. Hint - wear shoes & neutral-colored clothes you can work in!
- Step 5: Create a home, change a life.



## VIDEOS



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TEXT SUGGESTION:

"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try" - John F Kennedy.  
JOIN ME! I'm raising money to create a home with @asenseofhomeorg - this is what true grassroots community building is.

#heartscreatehomes #asenseofhome  
#asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
#fosteryouth  
#payitforward



LINK TO SHARE:

<http://bit.ly/2qnP16S>

TEXT SUGGESTION:

"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference." Nelson Mandela  
JOIN ME in making a difference in a former foster youth's life by creating a HOME.

#heartscreatehomes #asenseofhome  
#asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
#fosteryouth  
#payitforward



LINK TO SHARE:

<http://bit.ly/2GSczaZ>

TEXT SUGGESTION:

JOIN ME in creating a @asenseofhomeorg home for a foster care youth that has aged out of the system.  
We see a lot of women and children homeless and left with nothing, but let's not forget the single fathers also need support! It takes a village.

#supportfathers #heartscreatehomes  
#asenseofhome #asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
#fosteryouth  
#payitforward

See all videos: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/asenseofhomeorg/videos/>

# SPREAD THE WORD

## PHOTOS



See all photos in this album on Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2Jlly66>

Each photo has text you can share with your campaign link or feel free to drag images to your desktop to use on your crowdise page in other social media efforts.



## SAMPLE EMAIL TO YOUR FRIENDS

**Even if you're sharing your plans over social media, it's a good idea to send a good old-fashioned email too!  
Feel free to modify the text below in any way you need.**

Dear friends,

I would love to introduce you to a new cause and solution that I am deeply passionate about.

A Sense of Home (ASOH) is a disruptor model that transforms the lives of foster youth who "age out" of foster care by intervening before homelessness and/ or before a return to homelessness.

ASOH creates the first ever home of foster youth who "age out" of foster care by. Run by program recipients, the staff works with volunteers like me to furnish the youth's space with quality donated furniture to provide dignity, self-worth and a foundation to thrive. Having never felt like they belonged in a home, their new inspired space is an opportunity for the youth to finally belong in the world and a foundation from which they can build a healthy new beginning.

Please join me in forming a team and raising the funds to create a home for a young person who, through no fault of their own, are without family nor community. It takes a village. Let's be the village and revel in an incredibly powerful and uplifting experience... in only 90 minutes !!

[link to your crowdrise page]

With love,

[your name]

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

With our focus solely on the work, press has organically sought out ASOH. It's important to note – all press has come without a publicist nor any kind of agency.



Documentary



Harry Show



Steve Harvery Show - honored as 'Harvey's Hero'



LA Times



Top 10 CNN Heroes



NBC News



Fox LA



PBS



ABC's "Good Morning America"



CBS's TV series "Hidden Heroes"



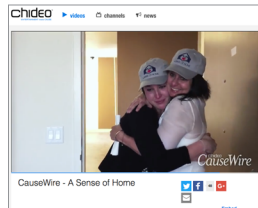
ABC News



Variety



Katie Couric



CauseWire



Yahoo News



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