



A SENSE OF HOME

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB 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



- 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 Highschool Club 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 and classmates to create a sense of home for someone less fortunate. You will never forget this day.
- Choose from a variety of fundraising options, from an online campaign to finding sponsors!
- 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 so she can help you schedule your date. Have answers to these questions ready:
- Have you registered your club with your school?
 - Who is the main point of contact?
 - What is the email & cell of the main point of contact?
- Step 2: Decide what kind of campaign you want to run (see next page).
- 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: Create a home, change a life.



OPTION 1: Create a Home, Change a Life **Raise \$5,000 for ASOH and spend 2 hours creating a home**

- Create your own team to create a home and you sponsor a home creation.
If you don't do a fundraising event you can do an online campaign via [Crowdrise](#)
- Schedule your home creation date on a Friday or Saturday. Read our [Volunteer Prep Sheet](#) prior to arrival
- Your team arrives at 11am and you complete the home creation with 90 minutes. Lunch & refreshments provided. Allow an extra 30 minutes for mingling.
- Volunteers receive photos and a video of their home creation.

Examples of fundraising events in the past:

- An art exhibit — where famous artists exhibited with student artists . The one day event and auction raised a total of \$22,000
- A concert was held in backyard — a “backyard bowl”. Ticket sales went to ASOH using “square”.
- A dance concert was a great ASOH benefit.
- Monthly bake sale



OPTION 2: Bring Joy to 20 Homes **\$0 cost & 10 hours time commitment**

Want to focus your energy on bringing love and light to 20 new homes? This option allows volunteers to create 20 kits (eg Dining Kit, Bedroom Kit, etc) for 20 new homes.

- Choose one kit from the image of the house featured on next page.
- Ask your community to deliver these specific items to your home or school.
- Gather friends to go through the donations to make up 20 kits.
- Once you have created 20 amazing kits the ASOH truck collects the kits.
- Schedule your home creation date on a Friday or Saturday. Read our [Volunteer Prep Sheet](#) prior to arrival.
- Your team arrives at 11am and you complete the home creation with 90 minutes. Lunch & refreshments provided. Allow an extra 30 minutes for mingling.
- Your team receives photos and a video of their home creation.

Here are some fun ideas how to rally your friends/ community:

- Host a painting party! Have each guest bring a piece of art and donate the art they create for an “art kit”
- Host a slumber party and have each guest bring an item for the bedroom kit
- Host a dinner party and have everyone bring one item for the cooking kit or dinner kit
- Host a kids birthday party have guests bring an item for the kids play area kit or kids kit

Use this image to complete the Bring Joy to 20 Homes Campaign OR Walk in Our Founder's Shoes Campaign



A SENSE OF HOME

ALL ITEMS INSTALLED TO CREATE A SENSE OF HOME

DINING KIT

6x knife, fork & spoon set, utensil drawer holder, wash cloths, napkins, place mats, 4x platters, 4x salad or fruit bowls, 4x glass mixing bowls, 6x dinner & salad plates, 6x cereal bowls, 6x drinking glasses, 6x coffee cups

COOKING KIT

utensil set (tongs, whisk, spatula, ladle, turner, wooden spoon, pasta fork), utensil holder, salad servers, scissors, peeler/parmesan shaver, can opener, small cutting knife, mid size cutting knife, bread knife, 2x cutting board, baking dish, 2x pots, 2x pans, strainer, 6x mason jars, set of tupperware

BEDROOM KIT

queen size linens including fitted sheet, flat sheet, comforter & comforter cover, 4x pillows, 4x pillow cases, 2x euro pillows, 2x euro shams, 3x throw pillows & bed skirt, throw blanket, 4x plain curtain panels, area rug

DECOR KIT

3x trays, 2x buddhas, objet d'art (i.e. shells, sculptures or bowls), 2x candle holders/lanterns, 2x candles, 10x varying sized vases, fake flowers, 4x throw pillows to match 4x plain panel curtains, 4x coffee table books, area rug

BATHROOM KIT

2x bath mats, shower curtain & hooks, 3x bath towels, 4x hand towels, 4x wash cloths, waste paper basket, soap holder, soap, tooth brush holder, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

FURNITURE INSTALLED

Bed frames (with new mattresses), small dining/kitchen table, dining chairs, sofas, love seats, ottomans, side tables, coffee table, media cabinet, console, small book shelf, bedside tables, dresser, crib, baby changing tables & table & floor lamps.

ART KIT

16 pieces of art including 6 pieces that work together in living room, 6 pieces that work together in bedroom, 2 pieces that work together in kitchen, 2 pieces that work together in bathroom

CLEANING KIT

windex, multi surface wipes, bathroom cleaner, chlorine wipes, gloves, paper towels, dish washing soap, washing sponge, broom, dustpan & brush, Swiffer sweeper wet kit, swiffer sweeper wipes, magic eraser, trash can, trash bags

KIDS PLAY AREA KIT (ages 1-7)

play table, 2x chairs, books, stuffed toys, games, clothes, 7x pieces of art, area rug

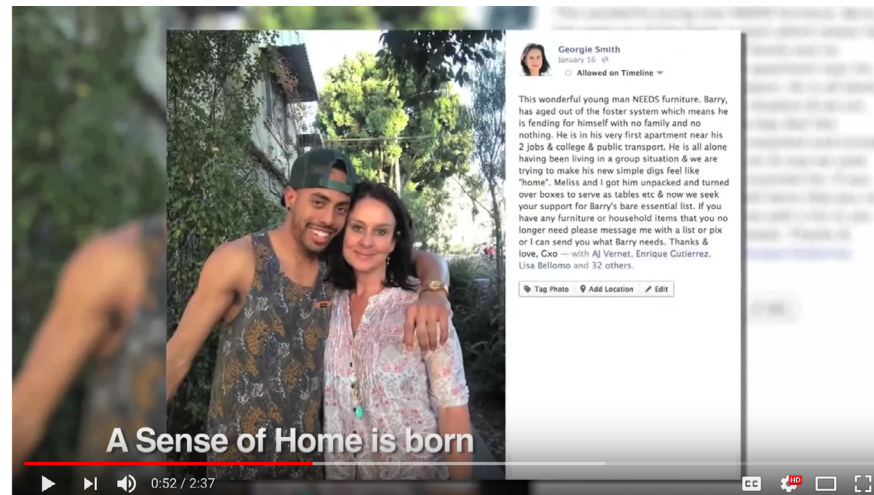
KIDS KIT

twin size linens including fitted sheet, flat sheet, comforter, comforter cover, 2 pillows, 2x pillow cases & bed skirt, 2x throw pillows, throw blanket, 4x plain curtain panels, area rug

OPTION 3: Walk in the Founder's Shoes \$0 cost and 15 hours time commitment

The spark for ASOH was born from [a random act of kindness by Georgie](#). You can take a walk in our founder's shoes by gathering everything that a new home needs.

- Host a furniture and home goods drive at school or within your neighborhood & the ASOH truck will collect from your home or school.
- Collect donations of every item listed within the image of the house (see previous page).
- Schedule your home creation date on a Friday or Saturday. Read our [Volunteer Prep Sheet](#) prior to arrival.
- Your team arrives at 11am and you complete the home creation with 90 minutes. Lunch & refreshments provided. Allow an extra 30 minutes for mingling.
- Your team receives photos and a video of their home creation.



OPTION 4: Find Sponsors - Expand the ASOH Community **\$0 cost and as much time as you'd like to give**

Everything from food in the freezer, art on the walls, to computers on desks, we need your help reaching out to larger organizations and corporations who might want to donate goods en-mass. We have the warehouse to store items till they're place in a home.

Reach out to organizations that can donate items that ASOH needs (see red house on page 9 for specifics)

- Appliances — (fridge, microwave, toaster oven, blender, TV, fan & heater)
- Apple devices — Laptops and iPads
- Food — we currently provide frozen organic meals for all youth we serve but need all food
- Cleaning supplies
- Furniture
- Home goods — furniture decor, art, linens etc.



OPTION 5: Create Care Packages **As much cost and 10 - 20 hours**

Create care packages for recurring supplies! Serve as family for these inspiring aged-youth who overcome great odds to get themselves in a home. Gather your friends once a month or once a year to create care packages of ongoing supplies.

You can decide on what you feel is most helpful in each care package.

Choose from one of the below care packages and make as many as 150/year.

- Spring cleaning, (ie linens, cleaning & hygiene supplies, cooking utensils, health bars)
- School supplies
- Holiday decoration kit
- Holiday hamper



VIDEOS



LINK TO SHARE:

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

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.

#heartscreeatehomes #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.

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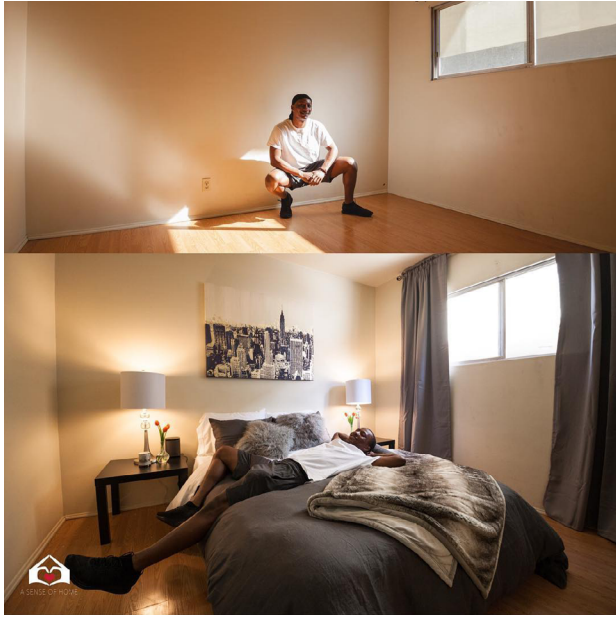
JOIN ME in creating a @asenseofhomeorg home for a foster care youth that has aged out of the system.
We see a lot of women and children homeless and left with nothing, but let's not forget the single fathers also need support! It takes a village.

#supportfathers #heartscreeatehomes
#asenseofhome #asoh #bethechange
#ittakesavillage for #agedout
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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 crowdrise 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.

[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 Harvey 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"



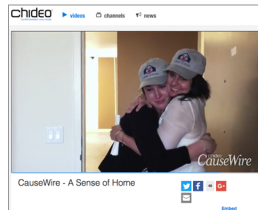
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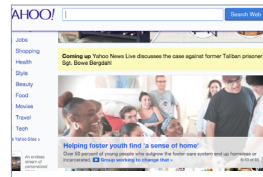
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