Treehouse is leveling the playing field for youth in foster care.

Treehouse provides more than 7,000 youth in foster care with the academic and other essential support they equally deserve to be successful in school and in life. Thanks to you, we are creating a road to hope and possibility for youth in foster care.

graduation success

Noel had a rough start to her high school career. Life was chaotic at home her freshman year so Noel focused on her friends and they skipped class often. She was connected with a Treehouse Education Specialist and together they set goals to try and improve Noel’s attendance. With the help of weekly check-in meetings and incentives like Starbucks gift cards to motivate her, Noel started to reengage in school.

For the next few years she worked closely with her Education Specialist on consistent attendance and improving her grades. Increased time in the classroom led Noel to discover that she had a passion for coding. This finding, coupled with a school trip to Microsoft, helped Noel envision a future career in computer science. By the end of her sophomore year, Noel was prepared to take the steps needed to make her dreams for the future a reality.

With the help of her support team, Noel transferred to South Lake High School her junior year. She was determined to be the first person in her family to graduate from high school and the small, structured environment at South Lake enabled her to catch up on missing credits and focus on completing her graduation requirements. Noel met with her Education Specialist twice a week ticking off each of her graduation requirements and troubleshooting barriers. She pushed herself taking an aggressive course load, catching up on her missing credits. She visited colleges, wrote her resume, and got her first job. Since Noel knew that graduating on time was not a guarantee if she didn’t pass all of her classes, she also developed a backup plan with her Education Specialist.

As it turned out, this backup plan played a critical role in helping Noel persevere once she learned that she had failed her math course and would not be graduating on time. Noel stayed focused, taking an “End-of-Course” exam to prove that she could meet the state standard in math. After three long summer months, Noel learned that she passed and officially graduated from high school in the fall. Noel’s next steps—preparing to head to college in 2017!

our impact

With your support in 2016, we continued to progress towards our 2017 goal for foster youth in King County to graduate from high school at the same rate as their peers with a plan for their future.
2016 by the numbers

Treehouse gives foster kids a childhood and a future through diverse programs:

- Academic support programs helped **1500+** youth experience success in school
- The Wearhouse distributed **175,000+** items of clothing, toys, and school supplies
- Little Wishes funded **4,700+** wishes for crucial social, emotional, and academic development activities
- Holiday Magic provided **5,900+** youth with a holiday gift in December

Revenue and expenses

Revenue: $8,954,610*

- Contributions and Grants: $5,936,468
- In-Kind Contributions: $1,471,819
- State Contracts: $1,546,323

Expenses: $10,652,965*

- Program Services: $8,513,183
- Management & General: $616,340
- Fundraising: $1,523,442

Net Assets, End of Year: $11,068,239*

*Financial information presented as of and for the year ending September 30, 2016. Full financial statements are available online.

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