

Shine a Light on Youth Homelessness



**Campout to End Youth
Homelessness 2022**

**Camper
Package**

Friday December 9th

**McDonald Park
& Online on Zoom**



December 9th 2022, Campout to End Youth Homelessness

Dear Camper,

We need your urgent assistance to shine a light on youth homelessness and help ensure youth in our community have safe and appropriate housing. You can help support us in this mission by registering for A Way Home Kamloops' 6th annual Campout to End Youth Homelessness happening on December 9th - 10th. Join us in person at McDonald Park or from your own backyard over Zoom to take part in this life changing event that directly supports youth in need of housing and wraparound services in Kamloops.

The Issue

Youth homelessness is a significant issue that has been exacerbated due to COVID-19, making already difficult to navigate systems even more impossible to access. Every night in Kamloops, there are young people without a stable home searching for somewhere safe to stay. The pandemic has emphasized situations such as aging out of care or abuse, where a youth is homeless through no fault of their own. The longer a youth is homeless, the more trauma and victimization they experience. With current unprecedented challenges, youth need a home now more than ever!

What is Campout?

Campout to End Youth Homelessness is an annual event that shines a light on youth homelessness where community members spend a December night outside in cardboard boxes to experience what youth without a home experience every day. Campers are encouraged to raise pledges and donations that fund crucial programs that support homeless youth. In the past, City Council has issued a Proclamation for Campout to End Youth Homelessness Week in honor of this event and many high-profile Kamloopsians camp out in solidarity with homeless youth.



The founder and former Executive Director of A Way Home Kamloops, Katherine McParland, along with the previous franchise owner of Kamloops Domino's began Campout in 2017. This is the second year without our beloved friend and champion to youth in and from care. As such, we will be marking both our 6th year of Campout and the 2-year memorial of Katherine's passing. At this year's Campout, we wish to celebrate her legacy and the work she started while continuing our efforts to make Katherine's dreams a reality.

Here's how to participate:

Join us at McDonald Park where we will camp and take part in activities together though-out the night. Or, you can create your own version of camping at home and make it a family event! There will be a zoom link shared with those who wish to join in a virtual chat while camping out. Last year, we had campers join from the store fronts of their businesses, backyards, front porches, balconies, cars, and even from their living rooms with their kids! Homelessness can look like all of these, from couch surfing to being on the streets, so the choice is yours!

How to get started?

Step 1: Register online at this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/a-way-home-kamloops-society/p2p/campout2022>

Step 2: Fill out the forms attached and email them to admin@awayhomekamloops.com

(forms to return include Camper Registration, Waiver, and Photo Consent)

Step 3: Collect pledges and donations

Set yourself a fundraising goal and make a plan! Get creative in your fundraising and tell your friends, coworkers, and family about this important cause to have them join in. You can even share your Campout profile on *Canada Helps* and social media to encourage people to participate. Reach out to your network and ask businesses, groups, friends,

family or community members to pledge for your night in the cold for homeless youth. People can donate online to your camper profile or can provide you with cash/cheques made out to A Way Home Kamloops (you will use the pledge tracking form provided to track these). All donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt, so please make sure your pledger's info are written clearly and completely.

Donations and pledges can also be dropped off at our office at 653 Victoria Street (M-F 9am-4pm) up to the day of Campout, but donating online is the best!

What do the donations support?

Every cent raised will directly benefit youth at risk of, or experiencing homelessness. Our programs provide youth with housing, education, life skills, and employment training. These programs are designed to encourage the youth to become contributing members of our community. Previous Campouts have helped us open our Safe Suites program in 2019 and provide sustainability to our Youth Housing First program. In 2020, there were 66 youth who found housing or received a rental subsidy thanks to the support of campers like you!

This year's donations will go toward A Way Home Kamloops' new building, Katherine's Place. This new building will have 39 units with 24/7 staff support for youth ages 19-26 and will include programs to help youth develop critical life skills while working towards and meeting their employment and educational goals.

To learn more about the A Way Home Kamloops programs, please visit:

<https://www.awayhomekamloops.com/programs>



Below are milestones you can reach with a team or as an individual!

Team of 3 or more:

Bronze \$500
Silver \$750
Gold \$1500
Platinum \$3000
Diamond \$6000

Individual:

Bronze \$200
Silver \$350
Gold \$600
Platinum \$1000
Diamond \$2000

each donation over \$20 will receive a charitable tax receipt

Youth deserve a safe, stable place to call home. Without your support, this wouldn't be possible. As Katherine McParland would say, 'there is no time to wait!' Thank you for being part of the change for homeless youth. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, December 9th. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Together, we stand rooted in action to end youth homelessness!

Warm regards,

Tangie Genshorek & The Campout Committee

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Camper Registration

Participant Information

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Organization Name (If representing an organization during this event):

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:

Relationship to Participant:

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number (If applicable): _____



CAMPOUT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS – RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY:

I, _____, hereby release, and A Way Home Kamloops Society (as well as heirs, executors, and successors) from any and all claims for damages arising from any accident or injuries, direct or indirect, which are caused or arise from my activity in participating in the Campout To End Youth Homelessness fundraiser put on Friday, December 9th until Saturday, December 10th, 2020.

If I am a child or young person under the age of nineteen, my parent or legal guardian will sign this waiver on my behalf.

Signature

Date

Email address

Phone number



CAMPOUT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS – PHOTO & VIDEO WAIVER:

A Way Home Kamloops Society uses photographs and videos for projects that are promotional, advertising, commercial, educational, research, and/or archival in nature. As such, A Way Home Kamloops Society collects on an ongoing basis individual and group photos in and around our region. These photos and videos are used, but not limited to, the promotion of the work that we do throughout the communities in our region.

We ask for permission to use your photo, or your child’s photo, in promotional material to promote this event. Any child or young person under the age of 19, will have their parent or legal guardian sign this waiver on their behalf.

I, _____, waive ownership of any photographic records taken by A Way Home Kamloops Society and agree to permit the use of my image, or my child’s image, (in photographic, digital, or electronic form) for A Way Home Kamloops Society publications, posters, web-site or other media, without limitation, and agree not to make any claim for misappropriation of personality, breach of privacy, or other loss or damage in respect thereof. I also understand that A Way Home Kamloops Society may provide these photographs for use by a third party or designee with whom they may choose to associate with for joint marketing purposes.

I further agree to inclusion of my name(s), or my child’s name(s) :

Participant Name (please print)

Participant Signature

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)