



Opening - June 2014

Apartment Living For Former Foster Youth Ages 18 - 25

The Courtyard of Fort Wayne, a 36 unit supportive housing apartment community being built at 530 Home Ave. will provide a broad spectrum of supportive services for young adults leaving the foster care system. This is a collaborative project of SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth), SCAN, Inc. (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) and Biggs Property Management. It is the first such housing project in the state for young adults ages 18 to 25 and will establish a lifestyle of work, education, recreation and community.

Former Foster Youth are one of the most vulnerable and underserved populations in the country today. Thirty-six percent of former foster youth become homeless within 18 months of aging out of foster care. The Courtyard will offer a way to make a home and give hope and a future for former foster youth.

Some housing features, programs and services to be offered:

- State-of-the-art Training areas, Arts and Crafts lab, Fitness center and open forum and common spaces
- Commercially equipped Training Kitchen, Urban Gardening areas, and Special Event area
- Educational and Employment programs, Vocational training, On-the-Job training and internships
- Short term Certification training for competitive edge in employment
- On-Site resident manager, coaching available for health, wellness, career and job development

Types of community support needed:

- Volunteers to help with activities, gardening, programming, events
- Neighborhood Association opportunities
- Speakers, Presenters, subject matter instructors and service provider resources and training
- Transportation and child care services, life skill resources and personal services
- Employer sponsors and participants with the On-the-Job training program

How can I get involved ?

- Donate to a Courtyard "Legacy Tree" Sustaining Fund
- Become a mentor and build a relationship with a young adult
- Underwrite special activities and events, become a financial supporter
- Provide tours of businesses showing career paths, provide job shadowing programs
- Offer job services, work experiences and volunteer opportunities

"We are excited to be a partner in "The Courtyard." It will be a great addition to the neighborhood as well as provide a safe and nurturing environment for some of our youth looking to build successful lives in our city."

~ Mayor Tom Henry

"I want a home. I want "something of my own" to be proud of, a fresh start...this will be a home that is a blank canvas to fill up with what makes me the person I am." ~ Robert Duran, Former Foster Youth, Ivy Tech Student

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