Coming 2024

New CROSSWALK

At a glance

- 3024 E. Mission Ave
- 45,000 square feet
- 600+ youth helped annually
- Cost: $16.1 million
WHAT IS CROSSWALK?

Established in 1985 and operating continuously since then, Crosswalk is one of two licensed emergency shelter serving Runaway and Homeless Youth in Eastern Washington. An array of professional case managers, teachers, health care workers, and chemical dependency and mental health counselors work with Crosswalk youth with the primary goal of ending their homelessness by connecting them to stabilizing and supportive services.

Most Crosswalk kids have complicated personal histories resulting in a great deal of trauma. It often includes family conflict, lack of education, substance abuse, mental health issues, and are high-risk for depression, suicide and sexual abuse.

Crosswalk restores hope and encourages self sustainability among homeless youth, including those who eventually return to their families, by providing:

- Family Reconciliation Services
- Clothing, Showers and Personal Hygiene Products
- Three meals a day
- Employment-Readiness Program and Job-Placement Assistance
- Computer Lab
- Independent Living Training (Including Life-Skills)
- Medical Advocacy
- GED tutoring with onsite testing
- College prep
- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Recreational Activities
- College Scholarship Opportunities (Donor Funded)
- Transportation
- Access to Our Transitional Housing Program
OBJECTIVE

Crosswalk is currently located in the downtown core of Spokane, WA. Due to predatory risk factors, youth are no longer safe in this area and we have outgrown our space for the necessary resources to continue their upward mobility. VOA has purchased land 2 blocks from Spokane Community College, VOA will be building an expanded service model that includes the original shelter and wrap around services on the first floor and "college dorms" for youth aged 16-20 who are engaged in SCC’s career readiness degree programs and running start programs. This will provide stability and the necessary supports on their pathway out of homelessness.

BUDGET

The total project budget is $16.1 million with $8 million committed from the state legislature, private donations and the building communities fund allocation. $7 million was secured through private grants and foundations. Due to rising construction costs, we need to close the 30% inflationary rate gap from project design and original cost estimates.

PARTNERSHIPS

With youth at the table for the entire design session, we created a “prevention” strategy to get upstream of adult homelessness. By building our new facility next door to Spokane Community College and creating career pathways, youth can complete their education and move into livable wage jobs. This will give them the security to not need homeless services as an adult.

OUTCOMES (IN 2020)

- 611 Youth Served
- 4,147 meals served
- Certified GED testing site
- Onsite mental health services
- 40% of youth found a safe home
- 32% were reunited with family
Project Timeline

WINTER 2017
Conceptual planning began

SPRING 2018
State legislature ask

SPRING 2019
Private funding starts

SUMMER 2021
Private foundations asks, City/County grants request's

WINTER 2020
Private funding exceeds $500,000
State funds reached $7.4m

FALL 2023
Break ground

WINTER 2023
Current Crosswalk building up for sale

FALL 2024
Open Crosswalk 2.0
Be the change a kid has always needed

**Sponsorship Levels**

**Academic $250**
This secures our GED classroom space

**Graduate $500**
Purchase a shelter bed for a youth to have a safe place to sleep each night

**Valedictorian $1,000**
Provide a dorm style apartment for a young adult to achieve their higher education dreams

All sponsors will have name recognition in the building and be invited to the grand opening with guided tours for family and friends
All donors will be recognized with their name on a leaf of our 'Giving Tree' that will be constructed by a local artist.

"I don't need very much now, just a quiet place to sit and rest."
_The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein_
Volunteers of America of Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho is a human services nonprofit organization with more than 125+ paid staff who serve thousands of people across the Inland Northwest each year. Hundreds of volunteers and partners join with us to serve the most underserved people in our community—walking beside them as they become stable and reach their full potential.

Tax ID 91-0577131. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Questions?
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Yes! I want to be a lifesaver!