

# Covenant House

ONE PURPOSE. ONE NIGHT.





### **Covid-19 Precautions**

The safety of our youth and Sleepers is our #1 priority. Those who choose to participate virtually will be included in all aspects of our immersive program—from their living rooms or backyards. In accordance with the City's policy, in-person attendees must be vaccinated and wear face masks at all times, unless eating or sleeping.

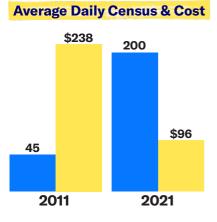
## How we help young people overcoming homelessness in New Orleans, 24/7.

We are currently caring for **200** youth and children facing homelessness every night. In addition to food, clothing, and short- and long-term housing, we provide medical and behavioral healthcare, individual and family counseling, job placement and training, educational assistance, life skills, and more.

Here are some accomplishments in the last year:

- 847 youth and children were given shelter and provided a pathway to independence, including 420 in our 24/7 Emergency Care Center
- 215 youth received community-based Supported Housing services in our Rights of Passage transitional living program and offsite apartments
- 271 youth in the community were assisted with
   1,084 outreach and aftercare services
- 78% of our 24/7 Emergency Care Center graduates and 85% of our Supported Housing graudates reunited with family, found stable housing, or saved enough to rent an apartment
- 248 youth found work or began training programs





For over 30 years, Covenant House has provided a safe haven for youth ages 22 and under, touching the lives of over **30,000** young people overcoming homelessness.

In the past ten years, our average daily census has increased from 45 to 200 kids per night.

We are guided by three cornerstones: open intake, unconditional love, and absolute respect. No matter how full we are, **there is always room for one more**.

"Sleeping Out is our way of saying: we're on your side. You matter to us."

Karyn Noles Kearney

2021 Co-Chair, 2-time Sleeper & Board Member

"The stories of resilience from these amazing kids stay with you long after Sleep Out is over."

**Christian Rhodes** 

2019 Co-Chair, 6-time Sleeper & Board Member



"Sleeping Out is critically important for these young people – Covenant House is 66% privately funded."

> **Dr. Deidre Hayes** 3-time Sleeper & 2021 Board Chair

"My mom had a drug problem, and she left one day... Covenant House is a place where people care about you. It was the best move I ever made in my entire life."

**Former Resident** 

"At Covenant House, everyone is welcome. No one is ever turned away. And they are always welcomed back."

**Joseph Exnicios** 2015 Co-Chair & 9-time Sleeper



### Schedule: November 18, 2021\*

- 7:30pm Register & proceed to Congo Square
- 8:30pm Testimonials, presentations, keynotes
- 10:00pm Congo Square program ends
- 10:20pm Small group reflections
- 11:00pm Sleep Out / Sleep In

\*The entire program will be available via live online stream.

What will I need? To give up your bed for a night. We provide a sleeping bag, a cardboard box, and a memorable experience. (You also have the option to "sleep in" virtually from your own home or backyard.)

**Am I too old?** Sleepers range in age from 21-80. Young people under 21 may only participate virtually.

How much do I need to raise? In-person Sleepers are asked to raise \$2,000 (minimum \$1,000) and virtual Sleepers are asked to raise \$1,000 (minimum \$500). We provide a personal webpage and all the tools and resources you need to reach your goal. The average Sleeper raised \$2,900 last year!

To register: neworleans.sleepout.org or rarnold@covenanthouse.org / 504-584-1141



## Our Goal

Sleeping Out is a small sacrifice that sends a powerful message to youth overcoming homelessness: we stand with you in your struggles, celebrate your courage and resilience, and support your promise and dreams.

85% of our employed resident lost their jobs at the onset of the pandemic. Together, we hope to raise \$600,000 to ensure that no young person is turned away during this time of extraordinary crisis.

### 9 Years of Growth (\$)





Matthew 25:35-36

looked after me..."







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