

Our mission:

To create a community of partners committed to ending the cycle of homelessness by providing access to career opportunities for young adults ready to re-enter our community.

Our values:

- *Respect for the dignity & worth of the whole person*
- *Access to equal opportunity*
- *Individual accountability*
- *Responsive & comprehensive support system*
- *The right to basic employment that promotes a sustainable lifestyle*



Our goals:

- **Connecting** homeless young adults with business resources that provide access to sustainable career opportunities
- **Providing** support through professional coaches to help youth navigate the complex business community
- **Inspiring** local businesses to join a community committed to providing opportunities to our underserved youth
- **Raising awareness** to the issue of youth homelessness and the programs provided by YouthCare
- **Empowering** homeless youth who have completed various YouthCare workforce development programs to gain business experience, acumen and opportunities

Our program:

ClimbOn provides a support team for young adults as they transition from homelessness into a sustainable job and career path. Partnering with YouthCare (winner of the Governor's 2008 Best Practices Award for Education and Employment for Homeless Youth), ClimbOn serves the graduates of YouthCare's workforce development programs who have proven track records and are dedicated to becoming contributing and self-reliant adults.

Through partnerships with the Northwest business community and a network of professional coaches, ClimbOn provides career counseling, appropriate referrals, career exploration, and access to subsidized and unsubsidized work placements.

Ultimately, ClimbOn collaborates with community partners to help homeless young adults move toward financial self-sufficiency and increased self-esteem. Young adults are re-claimed and accepted as contributing members of our community and thus ending the cycle of youth homelessness.

Why become a part of the community?

Tonight in Seattle there will be close to 1,000 young adults without a safe place to sleep. Many homeless youth lose their home, community, friends as well as their sense of stability, safety and support. ClimbOn's mission is to contribute to the end of the homelessness cycle by providing the opportunity of a sustainable career to workforce-ready young adults. Through participation in this community, your organization can be part of the solution, provide a sustainable future and reclaim our young adults.

Benefits of being a part of our community include:

- Being part of a community that is working to end the cycle of homelessness by providing opportunities for young adults
- Employees who are motivated and want to prove their ability to be successful
- A 240 hour subsidy to help offset employment costs
- Access to a network of like-minded community members

What do businesses do?

Employers who choose to participate in this community can provide opportunities in multiple ways:

- Career Informational Experiences for young adults
- Subsidized internship opportunities, either part-time or full-time
- Employment opportunities, ranging from 6-12 months

Each opportunity is supported by a "Climbing Team". The Climbing Team is made up the following members:

- ClimbOn Associate
- Professional Career Coach
- The Participant
- Business Partner
- YouthCare

How do I get involved?

Contact ClimbOn at info@climbon-nw.org or 206.651.4515

