

# Not another program. A place teens actually want to show up.

Every other teen center is built around structure. This one is built around belonging. Come in. Do what you want. Trusted adults are here. Real support is quietly available whenever a teen is ready.

WHEN WE OPEN  
FREE DROP-IN · WEEKDAYS 2-6 PM



- Xbox · PS5 · Switch
- Recording studio
- Billiards & ping pong
- Darts · foosball
- Air hockey
- Computer lab
- Virtual reality
- Movie room
- Art room
- Café & snack bar
- Basketball
- Chill lounge

## OPTIONAL SUPPORT – WHEN A TEEN IS READY

Programs are 100% optional. Teens are never required to do anything beyond enjoying the space. Trust is built first.

Mentoring & life coaching	OPTIONAL
Mental health support	OPTIONAL
Tutoring & life skills	OPTIONAL
Arts · leadership · clubs	OPTIONAL
Faith & spirituality programs	OPTIONAL



## WHY CHARLESTON NEEDS THIS

- #1** in the U.S. for drug overdose deaths  
CDC · 2018-2023
- 23.1%** of WV children live in poverty — 44th nationally  
KIDS COUNT
- 12-14** average age of trafficking victims in WV  
WV OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
- #1** in the U.S. for children in foster care per capita  
ANNIE E. CASEY · KIDS COUNT

## AND RIGHT HERE IN KANAWHA COUNTY

Consistently **Top 3 in WV** for child abuse & neglect investigations, foster care removals, and drug-related child neglect cases.

## WHY NOW?

In **2025**, federal cuts eliminated afterschool programs across West Virginia overnight. The gap between 2 PM and 6 PM **just got wider.**

## GET INVOLVED

# Help make it happen.

Charleston can make this real. We're raising funds, seeking donated space, and recruiting volunteers. Always free for every teen — we rely entirely on people like you.

- \$ Make a financial gift**  
Every dollar funds equipment, staffing & programming.
- 🏠 Donate or find us space**  
A central Charleston location is everything. Know of one? Call us.
- 🌟 Volunteer your time**  
Help run the space, mentor teens, or assist with events.
- 🎯 Business sponsorship**  
Recognition, visibility & investing in the next generation.

## DISCLOSURE

West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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# Help us build a Teen Center in Charleston.

WEST VIRGINIA

A free drop-in center for every teen. No program. No agenda. Just a great place to be.



## OUR MISSION

To reach out to youth, meet their individual needs, and offer lasting hope by providing emotionally and physically safe environments where every teen is loved, respected, and valued.

# We say teens just want their phones and video games. — — — They don't.

I've been on the front lines counseling kids in Charleston for over three years. Just like when I was a kid growing up in a small rural town — kids are still bored and lonelier than ever. Tech didn't make it better. **It made it worse.**

Teen loneliness is at a **50-year high**. Kids still scream "I have nothing to do" — but now they also scream **"I'm depressed. I'm scared."**

— U.S. SURGEON GENERAL · 2023

## AND 2-6 PM MATTER MOST

**26%** of juvenile crimes occur 2-6 PM on school days  
OJJDP / FBI

**3x** more likely to use drugs if unsupervised  
FIGHT CRIME: INVEST IN KIDS

**3x** more likely to commit crimes when unsupervised  
CA STUDY · 600 YOUTH

**50%** more likely to use substances when bored  
AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

## AND COVID MADE IT WORSE

Teens are **anxious. Isolated. Disconnected.**

**42%** of U.S. high schoolers feel persistently sad  
CDC YRBS · 2021

**47.5%** of WV high schoolers — higher than national  
CDC YRBS · WV

**1 in 5** U.S. teens had a major depressive episode last year  
SAMHSA · 2022

**27.8%** of WV teens seriously considered suicide — up from 13% in 2011  
CDC YRBS · WV

## WE NEED YOU

- Teens
- Counselors
- Businesses
- Churches
- Parents
- Lawyers
- Donors
- Teachers
- Accountants
- Neighbors

## ABOUT YOUTH HAVEN MINISTRIES

# A proven organization. A real track record.



**2017** Founded as a 501(c)(3) faith-based nonprofit serving youth & families in Florida.

**2019** Opened first Teen Center in Tampa Bay. Grew from 2 teens to 60+ weekly regulars in under a year.

**Now** Active in South Carolina via homeless outreach. Launching in Charleston, WV — same proven model.

## MISSION

YHM exists to serve all people with practical help and offer lasting hope — no judgment, no conditions, just like Jesus.

*"There is something for every type of kid here, from recreation to mentoring and inspirational teachings. Kids get the attention they want, are offered the services they need, and are given hope. Help along with hope, built on a foundation of trust. This is YHM."*

— TONY LOSACCO, FOUNDER

**Everyone is welcome. Everyone belongs. Full stop.**

## NO STRINGS ATTACHED

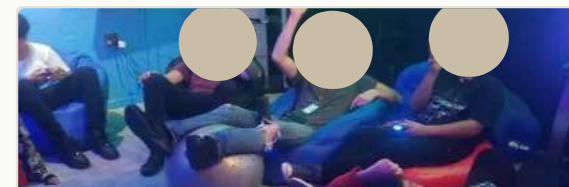
We serve every teen regardless of background, faith, or lifestyle — without pressure or preaching.



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## TAMPA BAY · 2019

# The proof is in the kids who showed up.



**2 → 60+**

Teens, weekly — in under one year.

## FEATURED BY

- ABC Action News
- Bay News 9
- Suncoast News (FRONT PAGE)

## A letter we never expected

A girl planning to end her life wrote us a letter. The center gave her a reason to keep going.

## The boy who finally talked

Beaten by his father for years — he never told anyone until someone at the center actually listened.

## Nobody asked him to leave

Expelled from every program he'd ever entered. He walked in. He stayed.

## Families with nothing

Families destroyed by drugs showed up at our door. For some kids, our free pizza was their only meal.

