

"Once upon a time...", I think we are all familiar with the opening line to the fairytales we heard growing up. Not all children have the same opportunity to be read bedtime stories and fairytales, and many are a far cry from living that life themselves. YSS wants to change that for the youth in the Ohio Valley! November is National Runaway Month. According to public school data reported to the U.S. Department of Education during the 2018-2019 school year, an estimated <u>10,522</u> public school students experienced homelessness over the course of the year. In Wheeling alone, there are approximately <u>108</u> adults and youth without a roof over their head on any given night. Now, imagine it is winter and the temperature drops down below freezing. This becomes a life and death situation for those experiencing homelessness...definitely not a fairytale ending.

Youth Services System is working relentlessly to decrease the number of individuals that are forced to sleep outside in these dangerous conditions and give them the tools to 'live happily ever after.' On <u>November 4th</u>, Youth Services System will be holding the 12th Annual Wheeling Sleepout at the Miracle League Field. The tagline for the event, 'We sleep out so kids don't have to' sums up the meaning of the event. YSS partners with a plethora of individuals and organizations from the community to raise money for youth experiencing homelessness. You have an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child and become a part of this very important event! We would love for you or your organization to become a sponsor for this event that helps bring awareness to youth in crisis, and helps to put a roof over their heads. You also have an opportunity to participate in the event by constructing a team and building your own fairytale structure out of cardboard. Thank you and we hope to see you on November 4th!

#### - Staci Stephen

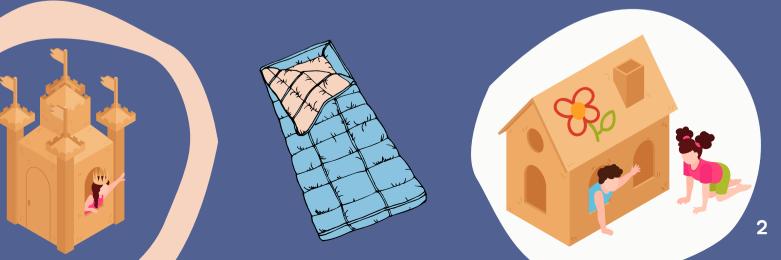


## About Wheeling SleepOut

The Wheeling SleepOut is the signature fundraising event for the Youth Services System <u>Transitional Living Program</u>, which provides housing, life skills, employment assistance and more for young adults ages 17-21 who have aged out of the Foster Care system.

Participants form fundraising teams, with the top earners winning some great prizes! On the evening of November 4th, everyone comes together at Miracle League Field in Wheeling to sleep out and raise awareness about runaway youth and those experiencing homelessness.

The SleepOut features plenty to get excited about — including the well-known "Boxed-In Design Contest", which sees creative participants build temporary livable structures to spend the night in on the field. Local celebrity guest judges award winners in multiple categories for this crowd favorite contest. Plenty of food, games and entertainment are also provided for registered participants during SleepOut, making it a great way to get the whole family involved in some fundraising to help youth!





### Photo Booth Sponsor

#### \$500 - ONE AVAILABLE!

We have a unique sponsorship opportunity for this year's SleepOut - your logo featured on instant photographs provided by Nick Arno Entertainment!

Each person who partakes in the photo booth on Nov. 4th during the SleepOut will get one complimentary printed photo with YOUR logo (additional photos can be sent digitally) and an opportunity to receive a discount code or coupon for your services. This is a great way to reach lots of potential new folks!

### ONCE UPON A TIME ...

This year we want to capture the spirit of classic Fairy Tales for the SleepOut theme. Childhood is certainly a magical time, but unfortunately not everyone has a safe and happy experience growing up. That's why it is so important to raise awareness and funds for services like our Transitional Living Program, which helps young adults with housing, employment, life skills, and so much more!



## Extra Benefits of Sponsorship

Our sponsorship tiers for this year's Wheeling SleepOut are full of great perks, but there are some extra benefits we'd like to tell you about!

First of all, our social media presence is vast - meaning that when we say you'll get a sponsor spotlight post, we are spreading the good word about your organization to 6,000+ followers on our combined social media channels!

We also boast a state-of-the-art SmartSite website, which allows us to push custom notifications directly to those who have our mobile app downloaded!

YSS fundraisers also received considerable coverage from local media outlets, which is a win-win for everyone!





## Contact Info

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# Payment

Please mail checks to:

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Memo: "SleepOut Sponsorship"

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