Youth Services System ready to camp out for a cause

WHEELING -- Youth Services System Inc. will hold its 2nd annual CampOut for a Cause on June 4 to benefit local children and adults experiencing homelessness.

The peer-to-peer fundraiser format encourages participants to raise money from friends and family on their own and then camp out wherever they choose on June 4. That evening, videos from local musicians, as well as YSS family and friends, will provide fireside entertainment via the YSS Facebook page.

Last year’s event, which was a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, raised more than $25,000. YSS hopes to match that amount this year through sponsorships and fundraising.

The money will benefit children and adults who are still struggling with housing and other basic necessities because of the pandemic or other life circumstances. YSS provides rental assistance and utility assistance to families, transitional housing for older youth, recovery housing for adults in substance use recovery, and the Winter Freeze Shelter, among other homeless prevention services.

Bordas & Bordas Attorneys PLLC is this year’s top CampOut sponsor.

“Support from our sponsors is a true blessing. Their support lifts the spirit of our community and helps us all work together to help those in need. We are truly grateful for their willingness to join us in our mission to create better futures for children, families and our community,” Terra Crews, YSS Development director, said.


Anyone interested in participating or donating may find out more by texting YSSCAMPOUT to 44-321 or visit http://tinyurl.com/campoutforacause to access the online fundraising portal.