## The SEAD:

# **End Youth Houselessness Inititative**



### WHAT IS THE 2024-25 PNW DISTRICT PROJECT?

Chosen by District Governor Isabella Baldisseri and approved by the District Board, this project is intended to educate Key Clubbers and Kiwanians about the opportunities in their local communities to aid youth experiencing houselessness. Together, we can positively impact the lives of houseless youth in our communities.

SEAD stands for Support, Empower, Act, and Destigmatize.

#### WHY YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS?

- Experiencing houselessness transforms the lives of youth. They face significantly higher rates of emotional, behavioral, and health problems.
- Youth houselessness is prevalent in communities throughout the PNW District.
- There are countless ways to help. Key Clubbers from any area can contribute and address the needs of their community as they see fit.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

BIPOC youth face an **83% increased risk** of houselessness.

LGBTQIA+ people are **120% more likely** to be unhoused after coming out.

Indigenous youth are more than **twice** as likely to be unhoused.

**30% of unhoused people** are under the age of 24.

#### **GET INVOLVED!**

#### Service:

- Assemble hygiene or care kits.
- Pack items at a food bank.
- Volunteer at a local youth houseless shelter.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Host canned food, clothing, or monetary drives.
- Hold a miracle minute.
- Host a contest or raffle and donate all proceeds.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT**

- Covenant House Provides necessities and resources for youth, so they can focus on building their future.
- HomeAid Develops housing and programmatic facilities for people experiencing or at risk of houselessness.
- YouthCare Provides young people with a secure, stable, and healthy environment.