

# Youth Ending Slavery

Year in Review

2018 Progress  
Report



# WHO WE ARE

Youth Ending Slavery is an entirely youth led 501(c)(3) nonprofit based out of Portland, Oregon. The Board of Directors is made up of five high school students in Portland, and YES has a vast chapter network which serves to fulfill our mission in their own schools.

Our goal is to spread awareness about the issue of human trafficking through chapter presentations, outreach events and partnerships.



# MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to combat modern-day slavery by raising awareness about its prevalence in the world and empowering youth to be advocates for change.



# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

My involvement with YES has been the most rewarding and inspiring part of my high school experience. I have seen the incredible desire and commitment in my fellow board and chapter members to support this cause and all causes that intersect. I have uncovered the breadth of intersectionality in social justice, which has instilled in me the importance of all issues when fighting for a cause. My beloved community at YES has shown me that passionate citizens, even high school students, can actually make a difference in this world.

*Gwen Kaliszewski*



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 2018 - July 2019



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# CHAPTER NETWORK

Our chapter network is comprised of 12 chapters in Oregon high schools. Through this we are able to provide leadership opportunities for students not on the board and ensure that our organization has a strong presence in high schools. There are active chapters present at all of the following schools: Cleveland High School, Grant High School, Forest Grove High School, Tigard High School, La Salle Catholic College Preparatory, Portland Christian School, Catlin Gabel School, Westview High School, Franklin High School, David Douglas High School, Saint Mary's Academy, and De La Salle North Catholic High School. Of those 12 chapters, five have been newly welcomed in 2018. The new chapters are Portland Christian School, Catlin Gabel School, Westview High School, Franklin High School, and De La Salle North Catholic High School.



# P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Through our presentations, YES aims to educate our community and peers about the prevalence of human trafficking, encourage solution-driven discussions and inspire action. Through educating the rising generation, we hope to end the lack of knowledge, misconceptions, and stigma that surrounds this issue. In 2018, YES presented at five high schools: McCoy Academy, The Delphian School, Oregon City High School, and Blanchet Catholic School, as well as the Sisters of the Holy Names Congregational Justice and Peace Network meeting.





# EVENTS

## *Art of Advocacy*

Our annual Art of Advocacy open mic night was held in January of 2018, and it was a huge success! We loved seeing students express themselves in such creative ways.



## *Jane Doe in Wonderland play*

Jane Doe in Wonderland, a play meant to educate young people about human trafficking, was performed in Portland and Newberg in late March. The show was incredible, and YES loved getting the chance to meet and work with those putting it on and give feedback as to how it benefited youth in our community.

## *Tony's Chocolonely documentary screening*

In early February, YES had the wonderful opportunity to partner with Tony's Chocolonely to screen their documentary about their goal of eradicating slavery in the chocolate trade. This was a fantastic learning experience that got the community involved and led to further connections with Tony's during future events.



*Emma, Kara, Angela go to the UN Youth Forum*

Senior Board members Emma, Kara, and Angela attended the U.N. Youth Forum in New York City. It was a wonderful learning experience. Thank you to everyone who donated to help fund the trip and allow YES to attend!



*Let Freedom Run 5k*

Thanks to our previous work with Tony's Chocolonely, our Forest Grove chapter was able to include them as a speaker at our annual Let Freedom Run 5k. It was a lot of fun, and all proceeds were donated to Janus Youth Programs!



*Walk to End Slavery*

In September, YES held our annual Walk to End Slavery. Students from our chapter networks walked, chanted with us, and helped spread our work. The co-founder and director of Global Health Promise, Brian Willis, spoke at the walk about his own work and how to better combat human trafficking. It was an informative as well as empowering event.

*Winter Chapter Conference*

West Side Christian, Catlin Gabel, Westview, Forest Grove, and Tigard chapter leaders attended our Winter Chapter Conference. We discussed the progress of these chapters, possible fundraising ideas, and how we can better bring awareness to human trafficking.



# PARTNERSHIPS



## *Global Health Promise*

YES is very lucky to have met and partnered with Brian Willis and his nonprofit, Global Health Promise. They help the children of sex workers throughout the world, and have become a support system for many of the women they assist.

## *Tony's Choclonely*

Through our screening of their documentary, YES was able to partner with Tony's Choclonely, a chocolate company founded in the Netherlands whose goal is to make the chocolate industry 100% slave-free.

## *Jane Doe in Wonderland*

YES was very excited to work with the creators of Jane Doe in Wonderland in helping them get their play into schools. While the timing being during spring break ultimately meant that the play could not be viewed in schools, the performances in other venues around Portland were a success, and we enjoyed receiving tour updates from them as they traveled throughout the Northwest.

## Youth Ending Slavery 2018 Budget and Spending



- Donations for other organizations
- Donations spent on merchandise production, travel costs, etc.
- Donations spent on later event space rental, refreshment purchases, etc.

Youth Ending Slavery is extremely grateful for all of the support and outreach achieved this past year. We are so appreciative of our chapters, both new and old, as well as the strong communities that have surrounded our organization. This year, we had a record number of donations, as well as some of the highest attendance to our community events. Without your support of YES, our mission and capability to impact the community would be minuscule. We strive to be as transparent as possible with our spending, and welcome any inquiries on our financials. Thank you for your support, compassion, and generosity in 2018 — we look forward to another successful year.

*Skylar Deitch, Treasurer*





# GRANTS

We would like to extend a warm thank you to the Joseph E. Weston Foundation for a generous grant they have donated to us this year. Our relationship with the Joseph E. Weston Foundation and other community organizations truly propel our advocacy into action and help us with the spread of our mission. Thank you for your continued support.

*Skylar Deitch, YES Treasurer*



# 2019 GOALS

Our goals for the upcoming year are to revise and revamp our presentation so it is up to date with statistics, information, and crucial intersectional issues. Specifically, we are going to include labor exploitation within the prison system as a human trafficking issue we educate about. We also hope to expand our board to include members from a wider variety of high schools.



# ONLINE PRESENCE

YES has an active online presence in order to connect and share information with our community. We share past and upcoming YES events in order to keep our supporters up to date with our organization. We also share information about our cause through current events and news articles related to human trafficking and intersectional issues.

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