

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 three and a half years with YES have taught me so much about the world around me. I will forever be grateful for this experience. Working with YES is truly a unique opportunity, and I am continually in awe of the talented and passionate people I have met through this organization. The board is very thankful for your continued support, and we cannot wait to continue this work and see where we can take it in the future.

— Ellie Simmons, President

Board of Directors:



Sophia Spry, Communications Director



Riley Hart, Expansion Director



Charlotte Colcord, Treasurer



Ellie Simmons, President



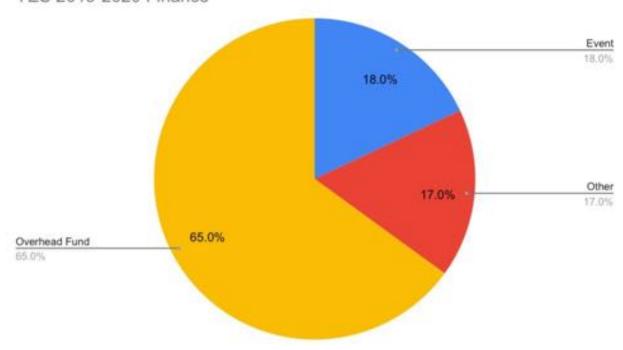
Belise Nishimwe, Outreach Director

Finances:

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.

Charlotte Colcord, YES Treasurer





Youth Ending Slavery is extremely grateful for all of the support and outreach achieved this past year. We are so appreciative of our chapters and the strong communities that surround us. Due to current issues surrounding the spread of COVID-19, we were unable to plan or host the events we would have liked to this year

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.

Facebook: @endtraffickingtoday Instagram: @youthendingslavery

Twitter: @youth ending it

Website: youthendingslavery.org

Email: youthendingslavery@gmail.com

Newsletter: Email us to be added to our monthly Newsletter! (youthendingslavery@gmail.com)

Chapter Network:

Our chapter network is comprised of 12 chapters in Oregon high schools. All of these chapters are led by high school students who are just as passionate about fighting human trafficking as the board members are. The chapter network is an important aspect of our organization because as our influence and reach grows, the growth is able to be supported by the corresponding growth of our chapter network. Through our chapter network, 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, Catlin Gabel School, Westview High School, Franklin High School, David Douglas High School, Saint Mary's Academy, De La Salle North Catholic High School, and Mountainside 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.

Classroom presentations:

Through our classroom 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 2019, YES presented at Calc Forest Grove High School, Warner Pacific College, De La Salle North Catholic High School, Lincoln High School, and Blanchet Catholic School. A special thanks to these schools for being such wonderful hosts and participants.

2019 Events:

- Forest Grove held their annual Let Freedom Run 5k this year on Sunday, March 16th. All proceeds went to Janus Youth Programs, and it was another great success!
- West Side Christian held a benefit concert on March 30th for YES and made an even bigger impact with their Blue Ribbon Campaign. The event was very popular, and a great way to include people from across their community.
- These were just a few of our many chapter-led events throughout the year! Other schools held bake sales, documentary viewings, guest speakers, and many more great events. We are so thankful for our chapters' continued work and support!
- This year, The YES Walk to End Slavery was scheduled for May, but due to Covid-19 we have had to cancel the event. We are hoping to be able to continue with the event next year once Covid-19 is no longer an issue. Stay connected with us on our social media and with our newsletter for updates and future events.

Partnerships:

Although we did not gain any new partners this year, we are thankful for our current partners and their continued support of our work. We are looking forward to 2020 as we have already had the opportunity to partner with other student led organizations and we hope to continue working with them.

Goals for 2020

Our goals for the upcoming year include:

- Continue to revise and revamp our presentation so it is up to date with statistics, information, and crucial intersectional issues
- Expand our board to include members from a wider variety of high schools
- Create new partnerships with more youth-led organizations and work with them to help each other

- Begin a professional development program for board members, including more in-depth trainings and education surrounding nonprofit management
- Adapt to the growing concern surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on our organization, our partners, and the students we serve. Once it is safe to, we plan to continue holding events and presentations to bring people together after such a crisis.