

## Wish List

### **Roots & Wings**

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Roots & Wings Outreach Case Management Program (OCMP)

Impact 100 Grant Amount: \$100,000

Impact 100 Grant Category: Children & Families

Roots & Wings (R&W) was founded in 1999 with the mission to provide aged-out foster care youth (ages 18-24) in New Jersey with safe housing, educational/vocational support, counseling, and life skills training in order to empower them toward self-sufficiency. Approximately 800 youth in NJ age out of our foster care system each year. These young people who have often had transient and unpredictable childhoods, are most frequently under-educated, under-employed and have no family to turn to for support and guidance. We maintain a long waitlist (presently 35 names) of aged-out former foster care youth seeking services. With 95% of our budget from individual donations, we depend on the support of our community and dedicated volunteers to provide services to as many young adults as possible.

### **Request for Volunteers:**

Board Members & Advisory Board Members

Mentors (Men and women) to be paired with one of our young adults for the program duration

Organizers for food drives for our pantry & deep freezer

Tutors, in any subject, but particularly vocational, GED, math, or reading

Fund Development Committee

Oktoberfest Dinner Committee or Auction Committee

Author's Luncheon Committee

Union County Tennis Event Committee

Monthly technology support

Social work and administrative interns

Private psychiatrists willing to work with our population pro bono or at a reduced rate

Volunteers to help with mailings, setting up a new apartment, or organizing our food pantry

Handyman willing to help with light apartment repair or maintenance

Individuals interested in doing group presentations to our clients. Past topics include healthy eating, improving credit scores, meditation, and budgeting.

### **Request for Connections:**

Landlords of 2 bedroom apartments near public transportation, who would be comfortable leasing to Roots & Wings

Introductions to foundations and corporations interested in supporting Roots & Wings

Connections to entry-level jobs or internships for our young adults

### **Request for Specific Items:**

Laptops and printers for our young adults

Pantry and freezer goods, including toiletries

Holiday wish list items for our young adults (please contact Emily La Iacona, above, for specific wish lists)

## Wish List

Amazon wish list items (search

Sturdy and good quality apartment furniture

Apartment furnishings such as vacuums, window air-conditioning units, fans, slow cookers, and microwaves

### **Request for Donations:**

Event Sponsors for our major fundraising events (Oktoberfest, Author's Luncheon, and Tennis)

On-going financial support for youth residences

Volunteers for mailings, pantry organization, or apartment set-up

Funding to support education costs of our young adults

Multi-year or monthly pledges

General operating support of any amount is most appreciated!