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Our Impact, Our Community
The Next Door has always been a place of possibility and promise for all. Every day children and families are supported with programs that protect, teach, connect, heal and encourage. Every day our community faces new challenges that create a greater need for the work we do. And we need your help to do it!

The goal of the Strengthening Roots, Opening New Doors Campaign is the expansion of services and programs in The Dalles and throughout Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties through the purchase of a permanent building.

We need this building. Simply said, it is a new, more effective tool to help us reach our community and change more lives. Our new facility will enable us to serve children, families, and our community like never before.

We need you! The goal of this campaign is to pay off this new building quickly, so that we can multiply our efforts to grow programs and reach more people, helping them go further-faster.

The total costs of purchase and renovations is $780,000.

Your Gift is Powerful
Your support of our Columbia Gorge community changes lives and builds communities at the time our families need us most. The hope for a brighter tomorrow is only possible because of you.

Your gift is the gift of hope and has the power to change a life.

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A Sampling of Our 2017 Impact in Numbers:

86 high risk families have received home visiting and mentoring services to prevent child abuse as part of evidence based programming Healthy Families of Oregon; through Four Rivers Healthy Families.

34 families received parent coaching, decreasing their risk of safety threats associated with child abuse and child maltreatment, therefore reducing the incidents of child welfare involvement.

70 matches were made providing positive adult role models for children ages 6-14 and 28 matches were made for teens and young adults ages 14-20 through our Gorge Youth Mentoring Program.

41 youths who are leaving foster care received life skills training, including field trips through our Independent Living Program.

6 formerly homeless 17-21 year olds, including three young mothers, received housing and life skills training through our Oregon Trail Transitional Housing program.

9 weeks of conservation and environmental education and employment was provided for 10 teenagers (This infuses about $30K of wages into the community) with our Summer Youth Employment Program.

41 Latino-Owned businesses were assisted with small business development services through Promoviendo Prosperidad (Promoting Prosperity). The program is currently expanding to reach more Latino-owned businesses located in Wasco County.

359 low-income workers were given assistance to understand and apply for health insurance with Cover Oregon.

43 Latino community members and existing advocacy groups: Abogadores de la Comunidad (Wasco County Group) and River People were provided leadership development and training by Mid-Columbia Health Equity Advocates (MCHEA).

100 Community Health, Social Services and Volunteer Workers received Community Health Worker Training: a 90-hour certification course.

6 children in Wasco and Hood River Counties were provided foster care and treatment by our Community Attention Home services.

25 teens in foster homes attended Klahre House – an alternative school and treatment program in Hood River.

20 families were provided with therapy/counseling during Department of Human Services visitation with the goal of reunification of children with their biological parents.

All of this happens because of people like you!
One Powerful Story:

Miguel had a very difficult childhood, with a drug addicted mother and an absent father that sent him in and out of 13 different foster homes. He hated foster care so much, that he started violently acting out. He thought that if no one else wanted him, he would be sent back home.

At 17, he was introduced to The Next Door and met his Community Attention Home Case Manager, Taunesha. During one of their visits, she asked him, “When are you going to stop running?” At that moment, he realized he didn’t know where home was anymore. Taunesha helped Miguel understand that home could be wherever he wanted it to be. She eventually told him about an opening at The Next Door’s Oregon Trail Transitional House, a home in The Dalles for youth who’d experienced trauma just like him. Over time, he came to trust and feel safe with Taunesha. Miguel recently graduated and has high hopes for his future. He plans to attend college in the fall.

The Need

Our home in the Mid-Columbia area is changing and growing with an increase in people and new businesses. Yet, many families who live here still struggle.

Out of the 3,048 children enrolled in The Dalles K-12:
- 85% are considered “economically disadvantaged”
- 25% are “English Language Learners”

In Wasco County in 2016:
- 24% is the child poverty rate
- 22% are living with “Childhood Food Insecurity”
- 6% are uninsured
- 4% are homeless students
- 32% is the teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15-19)

Every Day

The Next Door builds communities

By strengthening roots and opening new doors

Our Story

Since 1971, The Next Door, Inc. (TNDI) has served the people of the Mid-Columbia area.

Starting as a group home for troubled teens, we’ve grown to become the largest social service provider in Wasco County. Today we have over 65 employees and 200 volunteers throughout the Columbia River Gorge who are all committed to the original mission of strengthening children and families. Our outreach and service efforts span seven counties in Oregon and Washington.

Last year in Wasco County we responded to the needs of over 1500 children, parents, families and individuals of all ages. TNDI provides family services to prevent child abuse, positive youth development programming, including housing for homeless youth, economic development services, culturally appropriate health and leadership development programming, and behavioral treatment services.
What Our Programs Accomplish:

Over the past 46 years, The Next Door, Inc. has developed programs in response to the needs of new parents, at-risk youth, parents of teens, and entire families. These programs, in both English and Spanish, are working. Results from a small sample of our 25 programs demonstrate our effectiveness:

- Families served by Family Services are 2½ times LESS likely to be investigated for abuse or neglect, and 98% of the children have a health care provider.  
- 80% of the Klahre House youth who successfully complete the program stay out of trouble.  
- Youth in Gorge Youth Mentoring are 52% LESS likely than their peers to skip school.

A Place of Our Own

As much as TNDI has accomplished, there is still a significant amount of work to be done. There are still many kids in need of a stable home and positive mentoring, as well as families who need support.

After a five year search, TNDI was able to purchase an existing building in a centralized location in The Dalles. This new space triples the current size (from 3,200 sq. ft to 10,000 sq. ft) of office and meeting space. The new building will enable TNDI to enhance and continue growing their services. Community members will benefit from a central location to access the over two dozen prevention and intervention programs that benefit over 1,500 Wasco County residents every year.

This building will also serve as a hub for program services that allow TNDI and other community partners to store, organize and have office space for programming that reaches out to Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

How Much Will it Cost?

The estimated cost of purchase and renovating The Next Door’s new building is $780,000. These costs include the building itself, plus contractor costs for general office renovations: walls, cubicles, restrooms, moving expenses, IT expenses, a mural, appliances, HVAC, plumbing, insurance, and new furnishings.

You can help us!

If you want to have a powerful impact on your community, please contact our Development team at 541.436.0307 or email: development@nextdoorinc.org

"The Next Door does so much for the community behind the scenes … I am a sustaining monthly supporter and will continue to be for as long as I can."

—Dennis Morgan