



# Helping the Crisis of Youth Homelessness Report

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# ABOUT US

My name is Rylee Jun, I am currently a student at Shadle Park High School and I'm a Senior! I'm involved in leadership and the medical field, as I'm currently working as a pharmacy technician and planning to pursue Microbiology at the University of Washington.



## The Team

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**Erin Frias**  
**John Rogers High School**  
**Junior**



**Christopher Heath**  
**Deer Park High School**  
**Senior**



**Cheyenne Irvine**  
**Riverside High School**  
**Senior**



## ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Our team and I have made 120 kits that are filled with hygienic items, non-perishable foods, and clothing that'll be distributed quarterly throughout District 81 for students in need. Each quarter has different items in their kits. For example, our Winter Kits are filled with coats, gloves, a warm blanket, and hand warmers, while our Summer Kits are filled with sunscreen, cooling towels, a portable fan, and tank tops.

## INSPIRATION

I've seen a few of my friends experience financial insecurity and housing problems due to parental issues. Their stories inspired me to take action, raise awareness, and provide practical support by packing quarterly kits filled with hygienic items and non-perishable foods.

## RESEARCH

- Homeless population has risen 106%, 4.3% being youths
- 42,436 students has experienced homelessness in Washington state, 87% due to loss of custody from a parent and 7% have had to live in an unsheltered space like a car or in abandoned buildings



**“Every kit we created is a reminder that kindness and compassion can stimulate change in the lives of our community!”**

“I've learned that it takes a ton of time and planning into making sure we can supply good materials for Spokane County Youth. Especially with our time gaps between meetings and our distance between schools, it was extremely important to stay on top of communication in order to keep our project progress stable” - Christopher

“We, the youth in our community, are able to take steps to effectively help others in our community that are struggling” - Cheyenne

We are just waiting to deliver our last 60 kits (Spring and Summer), which will be delivered around February after all the Fall and Winter Kits are distributed!

## PROGRESS OF OUR PROJECT

We've partnered with Rusanne Modeland at the HEART Program to help us distribute our 120 kits throughout District 81. This is meant to help students who are in critical need of resources and hopefully impacts them positively by giving them necessities. So far, our Fall and Winter kits have been delivered and Rusanne is currently trying to find individuals who need them before we deliver our Spring and Summer kits.

After my term on the Youth Council, I'm hoping that this program will continue under the HEART program.