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RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

The Next Door, Inc. (TNDI) started in 1971 when a farmhouse on the corner of May and 11th Street in Hood River was rented to house ten teenage foster children. Many of the youth were placed at TNDI directly from the community. In 1994, The Klahre House (KH), our residential treatment facility, became a therapeutic foster care program. Youth Began living in specially trained foster homes and coming to the KH for treatment and schooling during the day.

Twenty-nine years later, with an ever-growing number of foster children and an ongoing shortage of therapeutic foster homes, TNDI saw a need in our community. This year, we have stepped up to fill that need and have purchased a home in The Dalles to care for foster children from throughout Oregon! This investment reflects our continued commitment to supporting children and families in the Gorge and improving the communities we serve.

"Without this group home, we couldn't keep these kids in our program and there is nowhere else for them to go. There are 5,386 kids in the foster care system in Oregon alone and the lack of foster homes is a nationwide issue. What happens in a world, or in a community, where we don't take care of our children? TNDI couldn't see these kids struggling and not step up to help.

-Melanie Kelly, Director or Programs



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: FOSTER CARE

- The Klahre House has been in operation for over 50 years
- We have supported over 1,500 foster youth in the last 52 years
- On average, a foster family provides 4 years of care
- Currently, we have 13 Foster Parents in 8 homes
- The new group home in The Dalles is currently serving 5 youth
- Youth in the group home receive daily counseling and have 24/7 on call support from a mental health therapist
- Youth learn life skills, social skills, and conflict resolution through 24/7 staff guidance and support in the home
- Youth enjoy community recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, shopping, bowling, and more

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

We are grateful for the opportunity our growing budget gives us to extend our support to more of our neighbors. -Janet Hamada, Executive Director

