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Dear Neighbor,

When families, individuals, veterans and unaccompanied youth are in housing crisis or find themselves food insecure, where do they turn? They turn to Northwest Compass. Why?

Northwest Compass strives to be effective in the provision of services to our neighbors in crisis in and around the Northwest suburbs. Our neighbors know that they'll be treated like real people by dedicated, compassionate professionals in a warm, caring environment.

We are so grateful to you for helping to support our mission of helping our neighbors turn crisis into opportunity. You are helping our staff touch the lives of thousands—whether our neighbors are facing dire circumstances in new and unfamiliar territory, or seeking to improve the quality of life for themselves and their families. Northwest Compass wants to be a community resource. We exist to serve our neighbors in crisis—to provide hope and a path to empowerment.

Your gift is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to current needs and opportunities in the community. For example, a gift of \$500 will help make an immediate impact on urgently needed services for our neighbors in the areas of housing support, care for our veterans including respite, emergency food security and assisting homeless young adults. We serve our homeless, hungry and our heroes!

Our board, staff, volunteers and interns—everyone here who works to serve our community, joins me in thanking you for your generous partnership and support.

Your donation is helping to create a safe environment for our neighbors from which they can create a path to a positive future for themselves and their families. Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

LeRoy Messenger
Chief Executive Officer





WHERE CRISIS BECOMES

Opportunity



At Northwest Compass we're committed to helping our nation's heroes:

NWC's LEGACY CORPS program, in partnership with AmeriCorps, provides support services and education to veterans of all wars, military family members and their caregivers. **NWC's VETERAN & MILITARY SERVICES** program provides advocacy and encourages engagement by our nation's heroes while helping them access public services.

> **\$350,000**

In food donations gratefully accepted in FY16 to support **NWC FOOD CONNECTION**—enabling us to provide immediate assistance to those who lack sufficient food and nutrition to meet daily needs.



> **35,000 hrs**



Delivered in FY16 by our volunteers through **NWC GIVING BACK**

> **1500** 

NEIGHBORS PARTICIPATED IN FY16 EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS THROUGH **NWC HOUSING**, WHILE >400 neighbors received counseling and assistance to stabilize their housing situation, including >100 families that found shelter in transitional living.



NWC HYPE (Helping Youth on the Path to Empowerment) focuses on personal stability including personal health, safety, economic stability and shelter for the now invisible but ever-growing population of homeless youth in our service area.

88¢ OF EVERY \$ GOES DIRECTLY TO PROGRAMS FOR CLIENTS

The balance is used to monitor program compliance, expand program funding, to have and maintain the facilities in which programs are provided and for record keeping per government requirements.



United Way North-Northwest

NWC works diligently to make every \$ count for those we serve, and proudly enjoys **GuideStar Gold Status** and an **A+ Rating** from the Better Business Bureau.

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