



SUNWARD Legacy Fund

The Sunward Legacy Fund is a collective sustainability fund built to ensure Tree Street Youth's out-of-school programs continue to grow for years to come by providing lasting support for youth leadership, learning, and opportunity.



For more than 15 years, Tree Street Youth has been a steady presence in the lives of young people. Tree Street offers a safe, consistent, welcoming community where youth can show up as they are, build relationships, and grow into who they can become.

Each year, **more than 1,200 young people** participate in Tree Street's Community Based Youth Development programs serving youth during critical out-of-school times as well as in partnership with schools. Many stay engaged for years, building the consistency that leads to long-term success.

By ensuring youth have a strong relational foundation that provides consistent "at-the-ready" support, youth are poised to break cycles and cultivate successful futures.

What Success Looks Like at Tree Street



Tree Street Youth focuses on four essential outcomes that set young people on a path to adulthood:

1. Graduation from high school
2. A clean or "cleaned up" record
3. Paid work experience
4. A clear plan for the future

These outcomes are built over years of consistent support, trusted relationships, and meaningful opportunities.

Why it Works



Young people thrive when they have:

- A place where they feel they belong
- Supportive adults who show up consistently
- Access to new experiences, academic help, and leadership opportunities

Tree Street Youth provides all of this: day after day, year after year.

Proven Impact



- Every \$1 invested in afterschool programs returns at least \$3 in societal benefit ([Afterschool Alliance](#), 2025).
- Alumni of youth development programs are significantly more likely to complete college and achieve financial stability ([BMC Public Health](#), 2022).

This is not just meaningful work; it's a smart investment in our community.

The Challenge

As the pie chart shows, the programs that matter most rely almost entirely on year-to-year philanthropy.

That uncertainty makes it harder to:

- Plan ahead
- Grow to meet rising demand
- Ensure every young person can count on consistent support

Out-of-school programs, where long-term impact happens, depend almost entirely on philanthropy.

Total Out-of-School Programs Budget

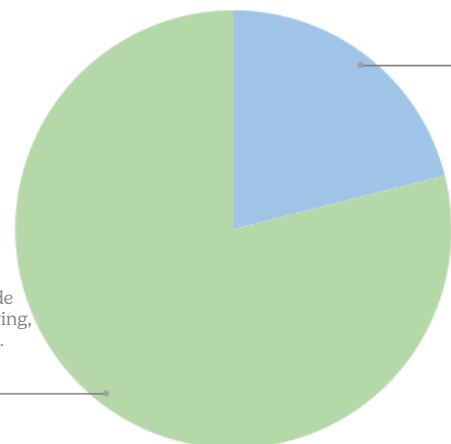
This is the work that requires consistency, yet it relies on the most variable funding.

Private dollars include grants, individual giving, and corporate giving.

Private Dollars 79.0%

Contracts 21.0%

Contracts include municipal and state contract funding.



The Opportunity

The **Sunward Legacy Fund** is designed to meet these challenges.

The Sunward Legacy Fund is a pooled investment that generates reliable, long-term income for Tree Street Youth's out-of-school programs. It creates a steady financial foundation so programs can grow, adapt, and serve young people for generations to come.

Why it Matters

Stability

Provides consistent funding for the programs youth depend on a daily basis.

Sustainability

Builds long-term financial strength beyond annual fundraising.

Focus

Allows staff to spend less time fundraising and more time with youth.

Growth

Expands access for more young people in the years ahead.

Ways to Give

Direct Investment

Make a one-time or multi-year contribution to the **Sunward Legacy Fund**. Your gift will be invested to generate long-term income that supports Tree Street programs year after year.

Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) Giving

Recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund or commit a portion of your fund's annual earnings.

A simple, tax-efficient way to provide ongoing support.

Lead Trust Gift

For donors interested in planned giving, a **charitable lead trust** allows you to contribute income to the Sunward Legacy Fund for a set period of time while retaining your asset.

This approach strengthens the fund now while preserving long-term flexibility.

A steady foundation starts with you.

Invest in the **Sunward Legacy Fund** and help build growing futures that last.

Tree Street Youth has always been built in partnership with the community. The Sunward Legacy Fund continues that tradition and brings together supporters who believe every young person deserves consistent opportunity, strong relationships, and a path forward.

Together, we can ensure this work endures for every young person, for the long run.

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