

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report from Friends of the Children “COVID-19 Support for Youth and Family” Reviewed by the Address Poverty workgroup



Summary of Results:

- Friends of the Children Central Oregon (FOTCCO) commits to youth for 12+ years NO MATTER WHAT!
- A pandemic cannot stop us from ensuring each youth in the program knows they are loved, cared for and have their basic needs met.
- Beyond meeting basic needs, the Friends were able to really drill deep with their youth to explore their fears, anxieties, success, challenges and have a sense of belonging when most of their "safe zones" had been removed through the closing of schools.
- The Program Director and Friends were the first people teachers and administrators called for support in reaching families that were non-responsive.
- Due to the strong relationships the FOTCCO team has built with teachers and caregivers we were able to offer 360-degree support in facilitating the ongoing health and educational needs of each youth and their caregiver.

Quotes:

From "Dinning Together" - FOTCCO is partnering with local restaurants and a long time donor to provide healthy family meals to all FOTCCO families twice per week:

"We never get to sit down together and share a meal and we especially don't get food from nice restaurants like this, we are so thankful to FOTCCO for bringing our family together in these really hard times." Program Parent

"We wish we had the words to show our gratitude for the support of COHC and our community partners. We were able to deliver our no matter what commitment to our youth because of this support. Our youth received far more than the basic needs that were high priority, they received unconditional uninterrupted love due to your support."