



A Place To Hang On Solid Ground

"To provide a safe place for the youth of our community and to foster relationships with one another and caring adults for the purpose of encouraging them to become ROCKSOLID persons"

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Dear friends:

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy. I'd like to provide a brief update on behalf of the Rocksolid Community Teen Center Board of Directors.

Since Rocksolid operates based on the academic calendar as determined by the districts we serve, our doors closed mid-March and will stay closed for the remainder of the school year in accordance with a recent announcement issued by Chris Reykdal, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Although we cannot meet in-person, Rocksolid remains a stable and safe space for teens. Now, more than ever, we are implementing innovative and creative ways to reach youth and continue to make a positive difference in their lives. Through an ongoing partnership with the Police Activities League of Vancouver, teens have the opportunity to join Zoom calls to build healthy relationships with police officers and participate in other online activities. Weekly email games and challenges keep teens active and engaged at home. Staff are regularly checking in by phone and text with our youth whose anxiety is high, and social/emotional needs are great. These are just some of the ways the staff at Rocksolid Community Teen Center continue to serve the youth in our community.

We are also continuing our support for local businesses in these trying times including sharing stories and photos on social media using the hashtag #RocksolidSupportsYou. Please let us know if there is anything our Rocksolid family can do specifically for you or your business.

Given the financial realities of the times, Rocksolid is pursuing federal, state and local grants and payroll credit programs to ensure the continued baseline operations of the center.

Our annual March auction – our largest fundraiser of the year – was postponed due to COVID-19 precautions. We're exploring possible dates in late summer/fall for a rescheduled auction, but are unable to confirm details until public health officials allow groups to gather again. We will announce a new date as soon as we're able. Please reach out to marcy@rocksolid-teen.com if you have any additional questions.

On behalf of the Rocksolid Board of Directors, please know we are working hard to continue our mission of providing a safe place for the youth in the community to foster relationships with one another and caring adults for the purpose of encouraging them to become Rocksolid persons.

Yours in service,

Cindy Brown, Board President

Rocksolid Community Teen Center