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June 2021

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MATCHING GIFT – Deadline: July 31, 2021

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What your Donation Means

2x the youth receive counselling and support $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}$

2x the youth receive shelter



2x the youth receive nourishing food $X = X \times X$

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Covenant House COVID-19 Response

Keeping our youth and staff healthy and safe is our top priority.

The pandemic has presented us with new and evolving challenges as we continue to provide 24/7 services to youth experiencing homelessness. The safety measures we introduced have led to unplanned and increased costs.

To date, we have spent close to 1 million on ensuring our facilities are fully clean, disinfected and equipped with a blueprint for maintaining safe conditions for our staff and youth. This includes:

- Providing all youth across our facilities with their own rooms
- Offering virtual counselling by phone or video conferencing
- Requesting that staff and youth use personal protective equipment
- Installing Plexiglas barriers in all common spaces, adding in air filtration and no-touch faucets

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