

# Portland YouthBuilders

## 2012/2013 Year-In-Review

*Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) is a fully accredited high school offering education, vocational training in the areas of construction and computer technology, leadership development, job readiness training, and long-term support to very low-income youth.*



## In 2012/2013

*Hundreds of low-income young people came to our doors looking for a place to complete their education and gain vital job skills. PYB served nearly 200 youth in the 2012/2013 school year, including 80 students who enrolled in our full-time program and over 100 graduates who received extensive follow-up services.*

- ◆ 68 students, all previous high-school dropouts, earned their GED or high school diploma.
- ◆ 33 students entered post-secondary education with PYB's assistance.
- ◆ PYB's newly formed Placement and Advancement Team was created to provide specialized guidance and direction to students as they transition from PYB to placement in college, the workforce, or apprenticeship programs.

- ◆ PYB's construction program collaborated with local nonprofit Habitat for Humanity to help build six single-family homes for low-income families. Each of these affordable and energy-efficient homes received Earth Advantage and Energy Star certification.
- ◆ Students in PYB's Youth Media technology program refurbished hundreds of computers for Portland Public Schools, in addition to creating websites, logos, and videos for various nonprofit organizations.

- ◆ Students and staff together provided thousands of volunteer hours to many local, nonprofit organizations, including Zenger Farm, The Rebuilding Center, ROSE Community Development, and Portland Parks.
- ◆ By volunteering in their community, 39 students each earned an AmeriCorps award of up to \$1,468 to help pay for college or apprenticeship classes.



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# Featured Program Initiatives

**High School Completion** – Helping students earn a GED or high school diploma while earning college credit

**Preparation for Post-Secondary Education** – Preparing all students to attend college or apprenticeship programs

**Green Building Construction** – Preparing students for green careers by building energy-efficient Earth Advantage-certified homes

**Women in Construction** – Supporting young women in the construction trades

**Youth Media** – Giving students specialized training in audio and video production



**Leadership** – Offering students the opportunity to become AmeriCorps Members, who collectively provide more than 25,000 hours of service to the community each year

**Job Readiness** – Teaching students the skills necessary to succeed in living-wage careers

**Long-Term Support** – Giving graduates long-term support to achieve college, employment, or apprenticeship success

## 2012/2013 Highlights (continued from cover)

◆ PYB continued to collaborate with dozens of local nonprofit partners to provide valuable social services to our students, including medical and eye care, emergency food boxes, mental health services, and housing assistance.

◆ 30 students participated in PYB's Internship Program, where each student was placed in a 4-6 week professional work experience at a local business.

◆ A group of passionate volunteers came together to create the PYB Advocacy Board, a supporters group of professionals under the age of 35 who are working to raise funds to support PYB programs.

◆ In partnership with the Portland Timbers MLS soccer team, PYB presented the Timbers Corporate Cup, a multi-day corporate soccer tournament to benefit PYB programs.

◆ PYB continued its collaboration with Portland Community College that allows students to earn up to 16 college credits for coursework completed at PYB.



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Since 1995, PYB has served low-income young people between the ages of 17-24, all of whom have dropped out of high school. Every student we serve has one or more significant barriers to long-term success.

PYB emphasizes positive staff/student relationships, high standards, real-world job experience, small class size, and strong community partnerships.



## Recognition and Accomplishments

*PYB has received numerous commendations for our uniquely successful, holistic approach to helping at-risk youth achieve self-sufficiency, including:*

- 2012 Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Creative Leadership Award recipient
- 2013 Oregon Ethics in Business Award finalist
- 2013 100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon
- 2013 100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon

***PYB is also:***

- Fully accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission
- Approved as a pre-apprenticeship program by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry
- Designated as a national training site for YouthBuild USA and the US Department of Labor
- Repeatedly recognized as having the highest performance outcomes of over 200 YouthBuild programs nationwide

## How you can help

PYB's friends and supporters help young people reach their goals. If you are interested in our work, please contact Tom Del Savio at [tom.delsavio@pybpd.org](mailto:tom.delsavio@pybpd.org). Here are just a few ways you can support PYB:

- Make a tax deductible contribution to PYB
- Serve on a volunteer advisory committee
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- Have a PYB student do an internship at your business

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