

Dear Friends of Briarpatch,

The last few months have been filled with an outpouring of support from the community. Whether it's providing summer job opportunities for 100 youth or reaching 50% of our shelter campaign goal, we have **you** to thank! Enjoy the success stories below and stay tuned for more news from Briarpatch that you can be proud of - thanks again for your support!

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Upcoming Events

For Fun

One Barrel Brewing Company

July 9 7pm-9pm

Since January, the folks at **One Barrel Brewing, Co.** have been raising money through their popular 'ceiling toss' to benefit Briarpatch. They are also donating a percentage of retail six packs. Let's get together and celebrate this collaboration with friends, food, and live entertainment!

One Barrel will be rolling out their newest nut brown ale, Briarpatch Brown Ale. Pair it with finger-licking cuisine from *Mad Badger Barbecue Co.* while dancing to the jazz/blues stylings of local favorites *Lucas Koehler, Anitra Holverson, Gwen Jordan, and friends.* Grab a couple friends and join the celebration!
[Read More Here](#)

Summer 2016

Summer With a Purpose



"Team work is important," states a teenage girl involved in the Madison Street team.

Along with around 100 other youth, she is:

- Establishing a positive work ethic
- Gaining job skills
- Making a difference in our community

These youth are working to clean the streets and parks of Madison, learn the inner-workings of owning small businesses, assist janitorial staff in local schools and assist with work at a local farm.

Read more about our summer youth employment programs and Madison Street Team [here!](#)

What Have We Been Up To?

Toss a Buck for Briarpatch

On-Going

Stop in for a craft beer at One Barrel Brewery and toss a buck on the ceiling to get a discount off your drink! All money on the ceiling will go to Briarpatch's '**Giving Homeless Youth a Chance**' shelter campaign. [Read More Here](#)

For Youth

Teens Like Us

Tuesdays 5:00pm-7:00pm

Teens Like Us is a drop-in-group designed to promote *healthy, self-respecting habits* for LGBTQ youth. TLU meets weekly and also organizes periodic social activities! All activities are designed to promote healthy, self-respecting lifestyles. Meetings are held at Briarpatch's facilities on 2720 Rimrock Road. Contact June Paul at june.paul@briarpatch.org for more information!

For Parents

Parent Support Group

Madison: Every 4th Saturday of the month
10am - 11:30am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago Street :

July 23

Learn about the adult corrections system and probation and parole and how agents work with young adults and families.

August 27

Topic TBD

September 24

Hear from adults who had struggles similar to your teen's- that now have kids of their own.

Stoughton: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month

6:30pm-8:00pm
at Lakeview Church, 2200 Lincoln Avenue:

July 12

Meet Briarpatch Staff and Interns! Share your 'parent perspective' with new staff and interns and learn about their work at Briarpatch and what brought them to us.

August 9



Flower Power 5K

With the help of our **150** participants and our gracious sponsors, we raised \$5,325 to support our 'Giving Homeless Youth a Chance' campaign at our Flower Power 5K on May 22! Special thanks to Children's Dental Center of Madison, DL Painting LLC and Summit Credit Union. See more pictures [here!](#)



'Not Alone' Field Table Fundraiser

While the tragedy took place in Orlando, the violence is everywhere. The Field Table in Madison hosted a fundraiser happy hour to support Briarpatch and our services for at-risk youth. Over 60 people joined us during the two hour event and we raised over \$1,300! See more photos [here!](#)



Pride Prom

Over 300 people ages 13 to 19 joined together in May at our Madison Children's Museum to celebrate Pride Prom! It was a safe and welcoming space where LGBTQ+ youth were able to enjoy themselves and have the night of their lives!

Capital Campaign Update

Topic TBD

September 13

Topic TBD

Contact Stacey Slotty at stacey.slotty@briarpatch.org for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're passionate about youths' well-being and looking to get involved within the community, volunteering at Briarpatch could be for you! Recruitment for volunteer positions beginning in September will begin soon!

Please [visit our website](#) for more information.



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Children's Dental Center of Madison
DL Painting, LLC
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Field Table
MG&E Foundation
One Barrel Brewing Company
Summit Credit Union



**Briarpatch
Youth Shelter**

Giving Homeless Youth a Chance

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We've made it **half-way!** Thanks to all of our generous donors, we have raised \$1.55 million towards our goal of \$3.1 million! Special thanks to our newest supporters the past months:

Believer (\$20,000-\$49,999)

American Family Insurance

MG&E Foundation

Want to find out how **you** can help?

[Click here!](#)

Briarpatch in the News

Resources strive to get homeless youth off the streets

NBC June 2016

"Every night, 300 kids in Madison sleep without a roof over their head. Back in November, there were 50."

NBC discusses the snowball effects of youth homelessness with Briarpatch.

[Continue Reading](#)

Stressful but successful first taco night at Goodman Center leads to more food events

April 2016 Capital Times

Teens from Briarpatch partnered with the Goodman Center for their "first chef collaboration/taco night fundraiser"! They served, cooked, bussed and hosted to 139 guests.

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Why Dane County Needs Us.

Hundreds of youth are homeless in Dane County every night:

75% of homeless and run away youth that have or will drop out of school

1 in 3 youth will be approached for sex within 48 hours of leaving home

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