AHO’s Vision

Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity is a cost-effective relationship-based community engagement model designed to end youth homelessness in rural and suburban communities nationwide.

“"Our deepest wish is for the entire community of Marin County (at every level) including individuals, businesses, agencies, faith communities, organizations and foundations to come together on behalf of our teens and young adults who are homeless. AHO offers a model that provides youth stability, an opportunity to ‘beat the odds’ and succeed in life.”

- Zara Babitzke, MA AHO Founder and Executive Director

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Helping Homeless Youth Find Hope

In Marin, one of the nation’s wealthiest counties, 2,600 teens and young adults ages 18 to 25 are homeless.

The Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (AHO) offers a safety net of stable housing, guidance and community connections for them.
Youth are matched with a caring adult ally coach to ensure access to resources.

**Housing**

Levels of housing offered:
1. Room with a host family
2. Locating a room in a home
3. Finding apartments with peers

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