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Each year, more than one million young people under age 21 find themselves homeless in the United States.

For these homeless youths, life on the streets means not knowing where or when they will get a chance to move on.

Fortunately for these young people, Covenant House administers a program called Rights of Passage.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Rights of Passage program enables young people to take their first steps toward independence.

In 2005, Covenant House enabled nearly 60,000 young people throughout the U.S. to take their first steps toward independence.

"For Rights of Passage to reach this historic mark is a very special moment for Covenant House," said Executive Director Robert J. Schuchman.

While some young people only went to a Covenant House site for short-term crisis care—such as emergency shelter—others have gone on to find permanent housing, education, and employment.

Covenant House has ROP programs in Alaska, California, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Approximately 85 percent of the funding for Covenant House programs comes from private donors. The program is a national effort to help young people find their way out of homelessness and into a better future.

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