Matt described himself as a troublemaker while growing up. After he was discharged from foster care at age 18, life became even more difficult because Matt had nowhere to go.

He was lucky to find a safe place to stay through LSS of Minnesota’s Another Door emergency shelter in Duluth. He also learned important life skills through the LSS Oh No! Eighteen program that helped him find a job and become independent. He graduated from high school in June, lives on his own in an apartment and finds fulfillment working on the maintenance crew for the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center.

“LSS is one of the best things that could have happened to me,” he said. “My wings are about 15 feet long now and I can fly like the wind.”

More than 880 young people receive support from LSS in Duluth each year to help them launch into healthy, productive and independent lives.
Host Homes Providing supportive, community-based housing for young adults ages 18-24.

Oh No! 18 (O.N.E) Preparing young people who are aging out of foster care for independent lives.

Renaissance Transitional Housing Providing stable housing, help with education and employment goals, and life skills for youth.

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program Guiding youth to safe housing and helpful resources.

Safe Place Organizing rapid-response help for youth in crisis.

Street Outreach Providing support, encouragement and referrals to community services.

Supportive Apartments Offering 10, low-income apartments paired with supportive services for young people.

Teen Health Center Offering free, walk-in wellness services.

Together for Youth Supporting LGBTQ+ youth in community.

Truancy Action Project Removing barriers to regular school attendance.

The Center for Changing Lives in Duluth brings together housing, education, early intervention, resources and support to help young people live healthy independent lives. The goal of the center is to end youth homelessness in Duluth. Your support is needed to help us continue and sustain this important work that serves youth across Northeast Minnesota.

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