

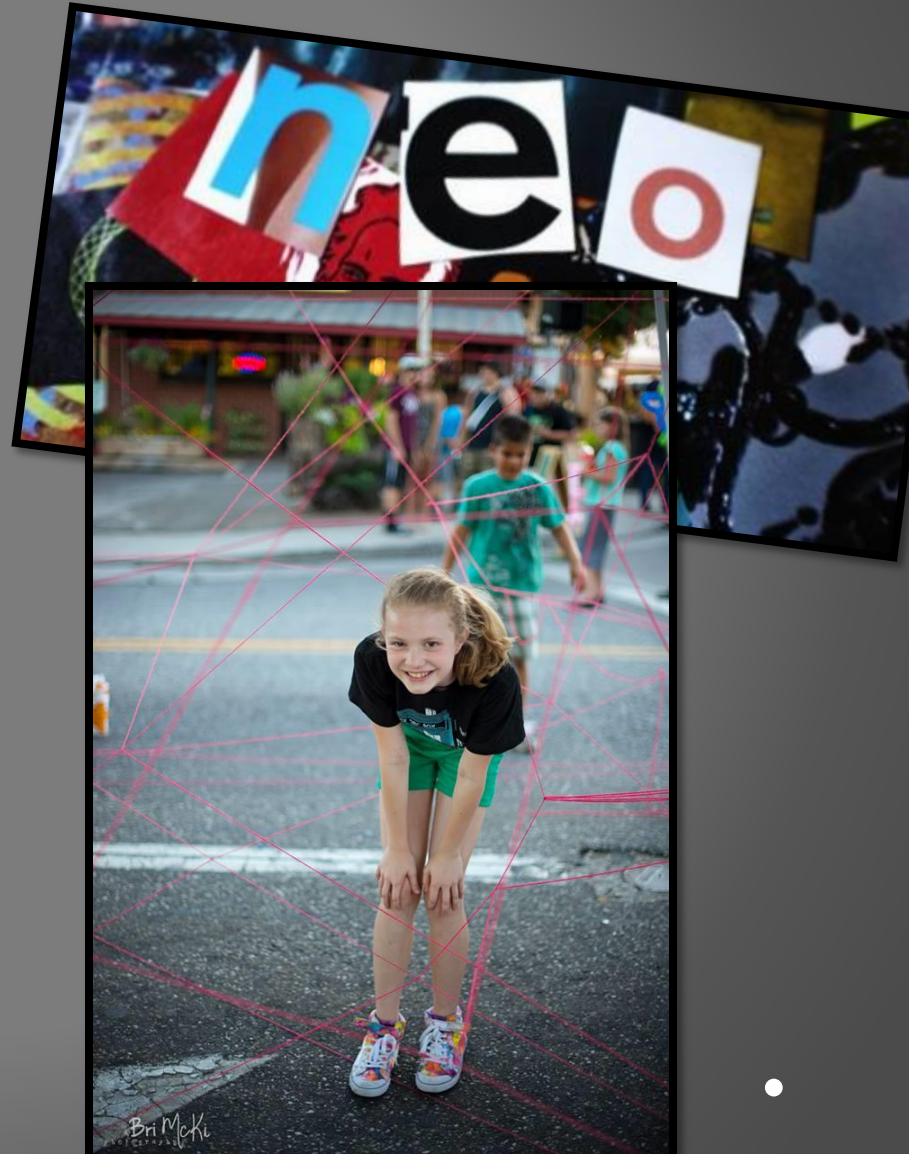
NEO

Helping Nevada County youth to thrive since 2008.



NEO Overview

- Founded in 2008
- Stands for New Events & Opportunities
- Focus on empowering youth by creating NEW activities and NEW alternatives to drug and alcohol use.
- Hosted over 70 events each year before opening our Youth Center last March



Why NEO Got Started

Teens:

- Were unsupervised & unengaged
- Engaging in high risk behaviors
- Lacking an appropriate place to socialize
- Wanted their voices to be heard
- Wanted responsibility & leadership roles



**We wanted to be
proactive & address
community concerns**

Our Goals

1. To reduce youth isolation
2. Help youth develop a sense of purpose
3. Help youth build self-esteem & skills for success
4. Empower youth to make healthy lifestyle choices



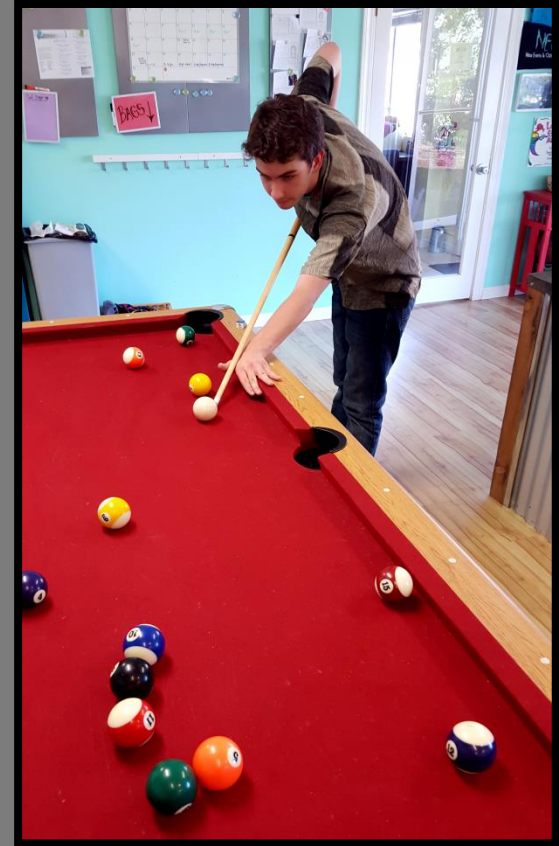
Youth Center



139 Joerschke Drive in Grass Valley

Free Drop-in Hours

- Open to grades 6-12
- Relationship building
- Homework Help
- Table Games
- Workshops
- Mini-Library
- Art Activities



Increases learning time up to 3 hours a day

Evening Events

- Board Game Nights
- Open Mic Night
- Concerts
- Dances
- Movie Nights



Youth Leadership



Our Vision

- Create a space for positive youth development
- Provide a safe supervised space
- Help youth feel like a valued part of the community
- Give youth a forum to be heard
- Provide youth with leadership skills
- Reduce youth exposure to negative activities including drug use
- To be more than a safe haven by building relationships among youth, adults and the broader community







Thursday Night Markets



NEO Section at the Fair



Guerilla Games



Concerts



Fashion Shows



School Clubs & Outreach

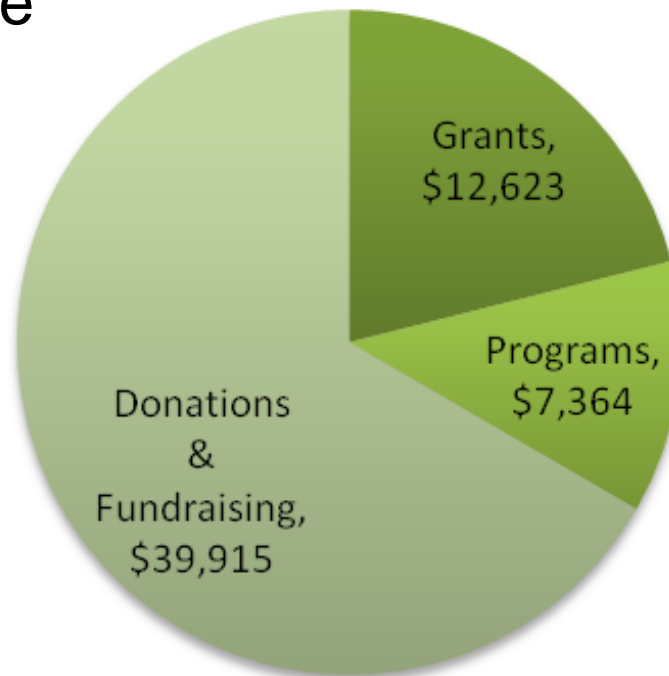


Community Service

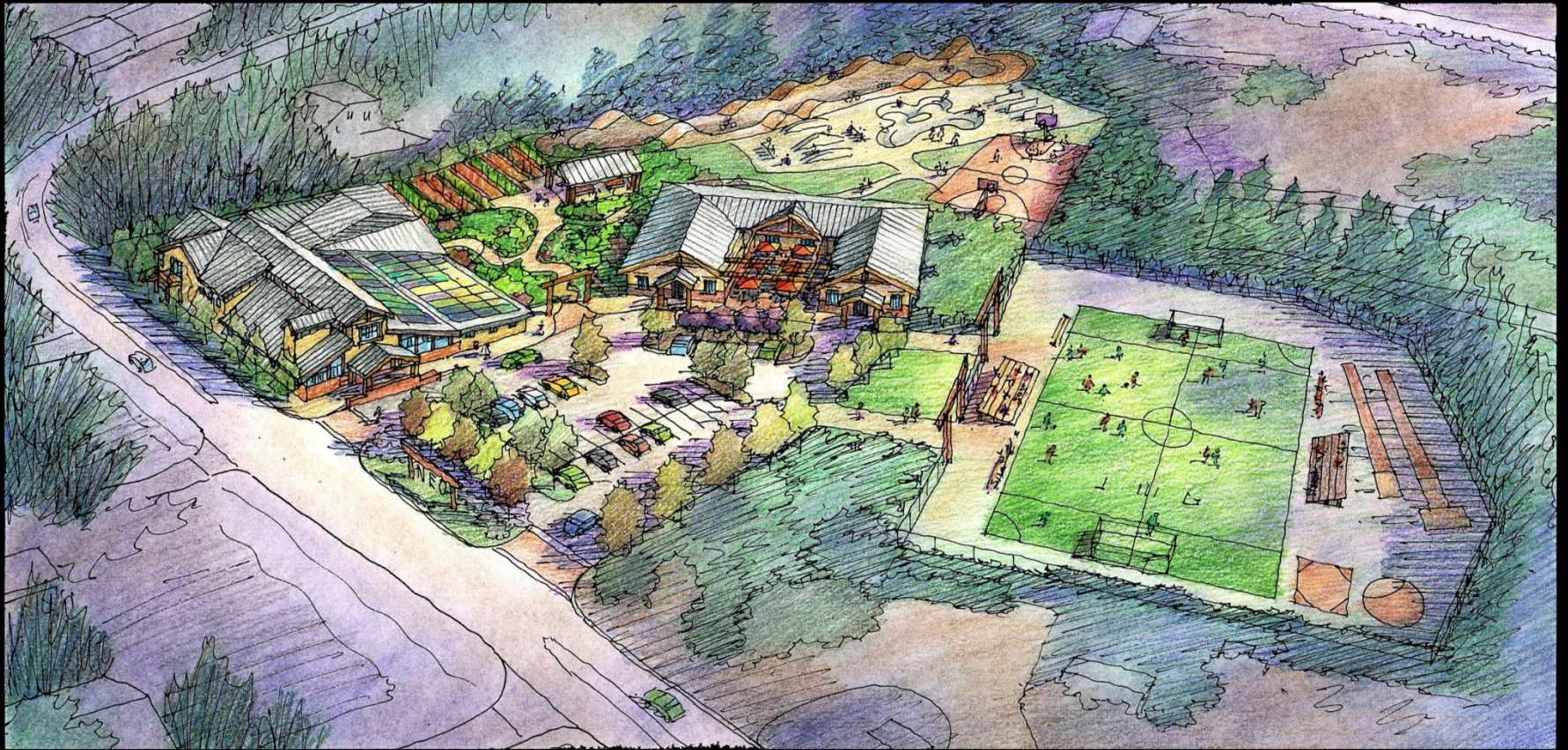


Funding

Income
2014



The Bigger Vision



Future NEO Youth & Community Center

Performing Arts

- All Ages & Age Specific Activities
- Concerts
- Dances
- Theater
- Comedy
- “College Night”



Recreation

- Universal Riding Park
- Organic Garden
- Field for sports
- Mountain Bike Course
- Yoga & Dance
- Basketball



Career Development

- Youth Run Café
- Expressive Arts
- Computer Lab & Classes



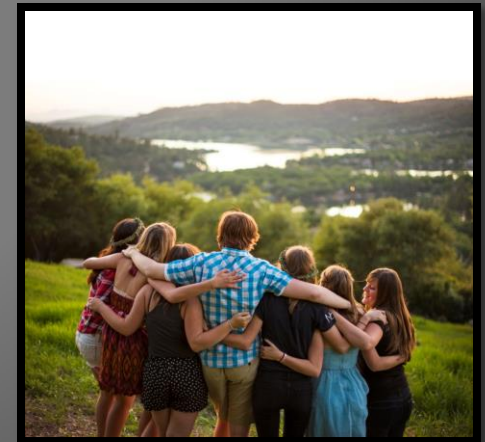
A Hub for Services



- Resource Center
- Professional & Peer Counseling Services
- Support Groups

Community Impact

- Increase Quality of Life
- Increase tourism –through special events
- Decrease crime and drug use
- Develop stronger social ties in the community
- Increase productivity of workers with kids
- Young people will increase their learning time, build skills, and creativity will be fostered
- Create 25+ new & meaningful jobs



Keep the Lights On for Youth



A monthly giving campaign to help provide stable on going support for the Youth Center.

Goal = To raise \$5000
in recurring donations
by Giving Tuesday on
December 1st

Upcoming Events

- Kenny Steel Student Showcase 11/22
- NEO Winter Gala – 12/5



“We can’t always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.”



Thank you!

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