



“For me, Seton Youth Shelters was more than a shelter. For a short period of time, it was home. I was homeless, and they took me in with no hesitation.”

-Former Shelter Resident

July 23, 2021

Dear Laurie,

Thank you so much for honoring me with the 2021 NSPN Together We Can Award. This is such an unexpected surprise. I truly appreciate this recognition of my professional efforts and will cherish this in the years to come. None of this would be possible without recognizing all of those who have assisted me over the past 45 years of working with youth in crisis. I have been fortunate to have had excellent leadership here at Seton Youth Shelters and valuable mentors and supporters from local, state and federal agencies who encourage and inspire me to collaborate, educate and advocate for youth needs in the field. For me, the Together We Can Award, represents a continuum of teams I have been affiliated with and who, through emulating all of the qualifications for this award in themselves, have provided me with a rich foundation of knowledge and experiences to work from and share. For this, I am truly grateful.

Due to pandemic concerns, I am unable to be with all of you this year at FOCUS 2021. Rest assured I look forward to attending the next FOCUS, continuing to work in the field, increasing our local outreach to youth in crisis, serving as Hampton Roads Safe Place Coordinator and actively participating on the NSPN Advisory Board. I am reminded of a saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Please know that all of you are part of this village and this award.... Together We Can!

With Highest Regards,

David E. Mount, Director  
Youth Outreach Programs and Community Education  
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