Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (friend/family member)

Did you know that over one third of homeless in Canada are youth between the ages 16-24? It is estimated that over 300 homeless youth live in York Region alone. This year, I’ve decided to make a difference and am taking part in *Light The Way Home*, a night walk in support of **Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region**. Pathways is a leading youth service provider in York Region, providing homeless youth with the necessary skills needed to grow into confident and competent young adults. Last year they provided supportive services to more than 1,800 youth in need.

Many of the youth services they provide are run out of their Home Base Youth Drop-In Centre. Here, homeless and at-risk youth can come for a hot meal, learn life skills, participate in recreational activities, access their food bank, and job and housing services. Perhaps most importantly Home Base provides youth a safe place to go when they have nowhere else.

Currently, Home Base is run out of a two storey house that sees more than 1,300 youth annually come through their doors looking for support. Unfortunately, when 8pm comes every night, they are forced to close their doors and youth are left to navigate the cold, dark nights alone.

On Friday April 12, 2013, I will be walking in the first ever *Light the Way Home* Night Walk in order to help raise funds and awareness for youth homelessness, and Pathways. I’d like to enlist your support for this important cause. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and every little bit helps in the fight to end youth homelessness in our community.

If you would like to pledge me, please click the link below, and go to my GivingPage. You will receive a PDF tax deductible receipt by email.

**(Put your link here!)**

If you’d like to find out more about Pathways andthe *Light The Way Home* night walk, (or want to sign up to walk with me!) please go to www.pathwaysyorkregion.com

Thank you very much for your support.

Your friend,

**(your name here!)**