



I believe our community needs to know what's happening with Van Go, and because we need community now more than ever!

For more than 23 years, WIOA funding has helped Van Go provide young people in Douglas County with paid work, workforce development, art experiences, and the support they need to succeed. We recently learned that this long-standing source of funding is coming to an end.

This is a difficult change, but I want to be clear: Van Go is not going anywhere. Our commitment to young people remains stronger than ever.

We have been preparing for this possibility for months. We are looking at our budget, making thoughtful reductions, pursuing new foundation opportunities, meeting with current and new donors, and finding new ways to sustain the programs our community values.

Most importantly, our young people are still at the heart of everything we do.

Van Go has been part of the Lawrence community for nearly 30 years because this community believes in young people and believes in the power of art, work, and connection. I am incredibly grateful for everyone who has supported us along the way.

We will get through this—but we will need our community beside us.

Thank you for believing in Van Go and, most importantly, believing in the young people we serve. ❤️

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