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Providing support to former foster youth since 1983

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Journey House provides services for former foster youth in; housing, education, employment, and independent living counseling. The primary focus is to help youth live successful and independent lives by helping them complete their education. Whether they are attending trade schools or universities or they are thinking about going to school, program participants receive support and resources based on their individual needs.

A letter from Executive Director Tim Mayworm



The Covid-19 pandemic halted social gatherings that have become an essential part of what Journey House offers former foster youth. Last year we were not able to host our Graduation Gala, but this year we celebrated their hard work and dedication by hosting a **Graduation Brunch** at Journey House. We invited the graduates from 2020 and 2021 to celebrate their incredible accomplishments in this outdoor socially distanced event. 15 of the total 38 graduates and their guests attended the festivities. 19 graduated from Community College; 10 from 4 year Universities; 5 with their master degrees; and 4 with PhD's, including 1 Medical Doctor and 1 Attorney.

The Graduation Brunch was a time to reunite with friends who they met at JH, meet new friends, and network. For Journey House staff, it was a proud moment that reminded us how privileged we are to be a part of such a beautiful, intelligent, and resilient group of young adults.





The **Beyond Foster Care advocacy team** at Journey House is proud to share the development of a new collaboration called “Foster Power Coalition”. Journey House, California Youth Connection, Opportunity Youth Collaborative, and the National Foster Youth Institute have joined to train foster youth to become leaders in raising public consciousness on the impacts of the foster care system. The coalition has hosted 3 quarterly summits in 2021, where over 100 foster youth have received intensive leadership development training to become effective advocates in sharing their stories. The coalition is working to develop proposals for child welfare leaders to consider as part of our shared commitment to help foster youth succeed in adulthood. The next Foster Power summit will be in December 2021, where organizational members will be voting to elect the priority issues areas for the coalition to focus on leading into 2022.

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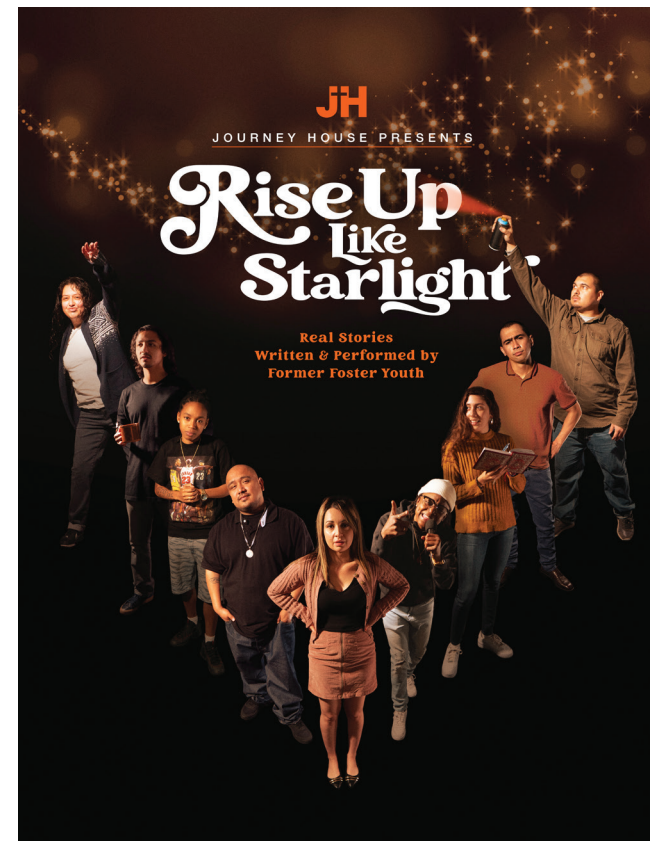


The “**Sisterhood**” is a gathering for Journey House women to connect with each other and hold social events for growth, healing, and fun. Events include spa days, brunches, socializing with local professional business women, and hosting fun activities. This group was started by Diane Sexton, a volunteer, to assist female students have a safe place to share issues, concerns, and develop peer friendships. The group is following all COVID-19 protocols for safe gatherings. The establishment of a “Sisterhood” Newsletter is in the works to highlight the women in the group and their accomplishments, creative talents and goals.



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A Film by Journey House Program Participants

Julio Quijada coordinated a fresh way to “tell our foster care system stories” in an artistic way. He organized students to write and perform their stories of life in and out of foster care, on film. The end result was the film “Rise Up Like Starlight,” which premiered in June of 2021 through a live stream event. This film allowed the members of Journey House to tell their stories while raising awareness on the challenges that older foster youth face. This emotional and powerful event has been one of our proudest moments. If you missed the premier and would like to receive a link to view it, please contact us.

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