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Thanksgiving Celebration 2019



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this Thanksgiving possible. Loretta Vigil - Chefelle Chef Services, Phil and Barbara Auzenne, WINGS, Foothill Unity Center, Reiko Sakata, Baby to Baby, Shelter Partnership, Anabel Diaz, and Guadalupe Ibarra.

Journey House is extremely grateful for all the support that we received throughout 2019. More than 15 youth celebrated their graduations during the year and another 86 youth enrolled in some kind of academic program. More than 210 youth received support from Journey House in; housing, education, employment, and counseling services. It has been a tremendous year for expansion as we help more foster youth transition into adulthood and increase college enrollment among a group of youth who are committed and dedicated to complete their education.

The Schools Our Students Attend

Cerritos College, Chicago School of Psychology, Columbia University, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, El Camino College, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Trade Tech. College, Los Angeles Valley College, University of LaVerne, Loyola Marymount University, Pasadena City College, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, St John University, St. Katherine University, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, University of Southern California, University of San Francisco, West LA College.

The Majors These Students Are Working Towards

Administration of Justice, Auto Mechanic Certification, Bio Chemistry, Child Development, Criminal Justice, Dance/Acting, Electrician Certification, Engineering, General Education, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Organizational Management, Paralegal, Paramedic, Philosophy, Physical Therapy, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology

Volunteer's Corner

My Journey to the J H Sisterhood

By Diane Sexton

Life brings us many roads to travel and each road chosen offers its own journey which can be to a new adventure, a new opportunity, a new place to explore and sometimes it's the pathway to a new purpose in life. The road I chose two years ago led me to the Journey House and my current purpose in life.

My first experience with the awesome former foster youth was as a volunteer at the Journey House Thrift Store. In the early weeks, I didn't realize that the professional and dedicated staff were from the foster care system. As time went by, our relationships deepened as I learned more about their personal stories. My respect for these individuals increased dramatically as I realized the heavy loads they carry while maintaining jobs and accomplishing higher education for a better future. They want to give back to their communities and help others less fortunate than themselves.

When the thrift store closed, I was asked to help develop a new program for the young ladies ("girls") and I was thrilled for the opportunity. This seemed the perfect way for me to maintain the relationships already developed and create new ones with those whom I had not yet met. The first group meeting, all gals, no men allowed, was a major learning experience for us. We needed to know what they hoped to get out of the meetings and what they considered to be the most valuable. It was very clear that the most important thing was going to be the connections to each other as many of them met for the first time that day. They also



Diane with Husband Ron

talked about wanting strong connections to the Journey House itself and these get-togethers would play a part in enhancing their sense of belonging to each other and to this loving and informative facility.

"Sisterhood" was a term we heard during conversations at the first gathering. It seems only right that we become "The J H Sisterhood". The Sisterhood is evolving and branching in various directions based on the needs and desires expressed by the members.

Director's note:

Diane, and the lady's helping her, have added a valuable service for the girls in our program. We are so lucky to have local professional women willing to share their lives, business experiences and time in making this group fun, therapeutic and a source for community building – such as the Spa Day. The Spa Day was designed to pamper the girls with massages, facials, manicures and laughter. Thank you ladys.

- Tim Mayworm



Genesis C. - EMT

Pursuing Dreams and Giving Back

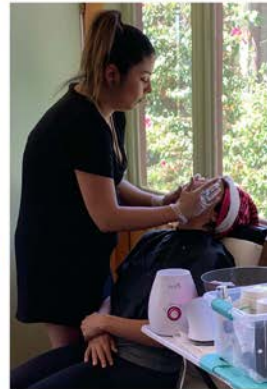
Genesis contacted Journey House as she approached her senior year at USC. Journey House was able to help her secure housing and purchase text books until she graduated with her degree in Bio Chemistry. She then went on to train as an Emergency Medical Technician

and returned to school to satisfy her prerequisites to apply for the Nurse Practitioner program at USC. Genesis is caring and committed to helping others.

Genesis now lives in the San Gabriel Valley, works as an EMT, and is still taking college courses that will prepare her when she applies to the Nurse Practitioner program at USC in Summer 2020. Journey House has become a consistent part of her life that will continue to emotionally and financially support her as she pursues her goals.

The need for safe and adequate housing continues to take priority with many of the students at Journey House. With your help, Journey House is able to continue to provide resources that will contribute to their educational goals and offer financial and emotional support for more youth who are pursuing higher education.

SISTERHOOD SPA DAY



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