

A very special thank you to Foothill Unity Center, Mark Rice, and Phil and Barbara Auzenne for donating the delicious food, cooked by Estella Martinez, for Journey House youth to enjoy.

## **College Grants for Older Foster Youth**



Journey House launched Beyond Foster Care in 2015, as a statewide policy campaign with the specific focus of elevating the experiences of older foster youth. In July 2018, Beyond Foster Care celebrated its most impactful victory to date when Assembly Bill 3089 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown.

The Bill approves a \$4 million expansion of the Chafee Educational Program, which extends the age

eligibility from 22 to 26 years of age for California's former foster youth. State Assembly-members Tony Thurmond and Sydney Kamlager-Dover cosponsored the budget request in partnership with Journey House. The Chafee ETV grant provides up to \$5,000 in grants to foster youth in Higher Education or Vocational Trade institutions.

Prior to the expansion, California's Chafee ETV Program served foster youth between the ages of 18 to 22. Many former foster youth leaving community college and entering 4-year universities found themselves ineligible for Chafee ETV because of age limits.

Governor Brown also signed Assembly Bill 2608 into law. Authored by Assembly-member *continue on next page* 



Beyond Foster Care Victory Party, October, 2018

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Mark Stone and sponsored by Journey House, AB 2608 creates infrastructure for a loan repayment program for foster youth earning graduate degrees in social work.

2018 was an enormously successful year for Beyond Foster Care and Journey House. The most significant part of it all is that every aspect of our policy efforts is spearheaded by former foster youth.

These accomplishments continue to be one of the the youth who m most significant laws that contribute to successful Congratulations!

foster care outcomes. Youth who receive the Chafee ETV are 52% more likely to complete at least three semesters of community college with better grades. Colleges and Universities in California are working to ensure that more former foster youth on their campuses receive the Chafee grant. It is expected to increase the former foster youth college graduation rates dramatically.

In October, Journey House hosted a victory party to celebrate these significant accomplishments and the youth who made it all happen. Thank you and Congratulations!









## Sad News

We at Journey House wanted to say something about the recent passing of Laura.

Laura came to Journey House after being released from a juvenile probation camp at 18 years old. Under the guidance of the Journey House team, she graduated high school and enrolled in college to become a certified nursing assistant.

Laura faced several life challenges she was able to deal with by attending therapy and returning to school. She started a new relationship, began a new job, and gave birth to her daughter. Life seemed to have changed for the better. Laura wanted a

family more than anything in the world; but like many former foster youth, she did not know how to have a family. Her relationship ended, she was facing homelessness, and fighting for custody of her infant daughter. Very sadly, Laura's life was cut short before her 24th birthday. May Laura rest in eternal peace.

## **Our 2018 Fall Semester Donors**

The following donors gave over \$10,000 in response to our "Fall Semester Book and School Appeal." These donations helped us tremendously in assisting our 31 college students with books, supplies, and fees so they can complete their Fall Semester classes. Helping former foster youth complete their college and/or their job training programs is the essential purpose of Journey House.

There are currently more former foster youth seeking guidance and support from Journey House. We are bit reluctant to ask the generous people named below to give again so soon after they kindly gave, but these youth need your support and we ask everyone to join in the philanthropic spirit by donating an end-of-theyear gift. These donations will allow Journey House to work with more students in their Spring semester. Thank you. - Tim Mayworm

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Register at: FosterTheFutureRun.com Sponsorship Opportunities are available!

5K/10K Run/Walk JANUARY 12, 2019 Finisher Medal, T-Shirt Food, Entertainment and More!





#### Journey House Endowment

Each year, Journey House supports a growing number of former foster youth. To ensure there are the resources needed to help these young adults well into the future, Journey House has set up an Endowment Fund, which is managed by the Pasadena Community Foundation. Thanks to the support of the following very generous donors, we have already raised over \$120,000 for the Endowment.

A very special thank you to these Endowment donors.

Patrons of \$50,000 or more Douglas and Barbara Stephen Benefactors of \$25,000 to \$49,999 Joan Fritz Estate Fred and Betty Wong

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## **Bill May**

A long time Pasadena accountant and donor of Journey House, as well as to many other local charities, passed away in September from cancer. He often dropped off men's suits, suite cases, office equipment and a check to help our former foster youth students. He was a giving and generous man. We and his many family and friends will miss his outgoing and charitable personality. RIP Bill.

## Joan Fritz

We also mourn the loss of Joan, a long time donor of Journey House and we are extremely grateful that she left us in her will.

Thank you all for your continued support in helping former foster youth in their education. of the 150 youth who we help, 32 are enrolled in school and 17 will graduate in the Spring. We are helping them overcome housing issues, financial crises, and supporting their emotional wellbeing. With your support, we can continue to help more youth as they pursue their education, overcome adversity, and mature into successful and productive adults.

We are sincerely grateful for all that you do. Thank you and we look forward to your continued support!

-Journey House Director

#### **Mission Statement**

Journey House supports former foster and probation youth to live fully independent, successful lives. Founded in 1983, Journey House provides emotional support and guidance, as well as financial aid to help them with the cost of attending college and vocational schools.