

JOB Transitional Living Program

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Introducing Our Newest Resident

We are excited to introduce Andrea, the latest addition to our Jobe community! At twenty-two years old, Andrea is senior at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). She was referred to the program by former resident, Clara, who successfully transitioned out of the Jobe program in June of 2024. Both Andrea and Clara are part of the same Sorority; Lambda Theta Nu, based at CSUN. Andrea is currently pursuing a degree in Psychology and aspires to become a Marriage and family Therapist, working mainly with children; focusing on Art and Play therapy.



In Addition to her studies, Andrea is deeply involved in her community. As the Sergeant at Arms for her sorority, she plays a crucial role in maintaining order and facilitating events, demonstrating her leadership skills and dedication to her peers. Andrea also serves as a coordinator for the Latina Youth Literacy Conference (LYLC), where she works to empower young girls through education. Notably, During her first week as resident, Andrea secured employment at a local retail store. Andrea is a well rounded student and community member. Her various roles, reflect her character and desire to create positive change in her community. Join us in welcoming Andrea to the Jobe family! We're excited to see what impact she will have during her time with us.



Christmas Donations



Jobe Transitional Living program is currently accepting donations for the upcoming Christmas season. We gladly accept gift cards from local retail stores, amazon, local restaurants, tickets to events, etc. If interested contact the Program Director, Keith Wieser at 818-477-2389. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Our Mission

The mission of Jobe Transitional Living Program is to create a trauma informed, culturally aware, and safe environment for our Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)/homeless youth to utilize their individual strengths to end the cycle of poverty and become pillars of the community.

Message from the Director

As the new school year begins, so too do fresh opportunities for all the residents of Jobe. This is a time for growth—opportunities to advance their education, expand their networks, build meaningful relationships, and grow as young adults. Education is the cornerstone of the Jobe program, and we believe it is the key that unlocks doors to future success. At Jobe, we emphasize to our residents that "success builds success," and we are committed to helping them lay the foundation for a prosperous future. Many of our former residents have already transitioned into successful careers in fields such as engineering, social welfare, healthcare, media, and more. Foster youth who age out of the system at age eighteen often face a harsh reality—leaving with limited resources and a high risk of homelessness and incarceration. In fact, former foster youth are 50% more likely to experience homelessness or incarceration within just two years of aging out. The Jobe program helps level the playing field by providing these young people with stable housing, educational guidance, life skills classes, therapy, food, job leads, and a plethora of other vital services. We believe that with the right nurturing, guidance, support, and expectations, all youth have the potential to succeed. In this issue, you'll find stories highlighting our new residents, celebratory moments, and success stories that demonstrate the power of opportunity and support.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Celebrating Resident Birthdays



Jobe Resident.

Quintyn celebrating his 20th birthday.

"I want to say thank you to the Jobe program for providing invaluable support for all us residents. very grateful to be here."

-Quintyn



Jobe Resident.

Andrea celebrating her 21st birthday.

"I appreciate being celebrated at Jobe. I enjoyed the cake, yummy food and people around me celebrating. I plan to finish off my last year at CSUN and save up for hopefully my master's. I am excited for what this next year will bring me!"

-Andrea

Happy
Birthday

Celebrating Our Rising Stars



We are thrilled to highlight Champion's remarkable achievement in this edition of the Jobe Newsletter. As he prepares to graduate with his bachelor degree of Arts in Psychology from CSUN at the age of 20, Champion stands out as our youngest graduate to date. His journey is not only a testament to his dedication and hard work but also an inspiring example for his peers. Champion's academic prowess and unwavering commitment to his studies have been evident throughout his time at our program. His ability to balance his academic coursework with a full time employment as a behavioral interventionist in a school setting showcases his exceptional time management and determination.

We are incredibly proud of Champion's accomplishments and look forward to witnessing his continued successes as he embarks on the next chapter of his life. Congratulations, Champion, on this outstanding milestone!

Additionally, we would like to congratulate Champion for purchasing his first vehicle! Champion obtained his Driver's License in September of 2024, after completing his driver's training which was provided by the Jobe program. We are thrilled to support our residents as they reach new heights and embrace opportunities for personal growth. Here's to many safe and enjoyable journeys ahead for Champion in his new vehicle!



Jobe Residents (left to right): Champion, Joshua, and Erick celebrate their birthdays.



Joshua celebrates his 19th birthday.
Champion celebrates his 20th birthday.
Erick celebrates his 24th birthday.



At Jobe, we cherish the opportunity to celebrate each resident's birthday with joy and a personalized touch. This month, we are delighted to honor Champion, Joshua, and Erick, each with their own special cake tailored to their tastes. Our commitment to making every resident feel valued and appreciated is at the heart of these celebrations. We strive to ensure that their day is as special and unique as they are. These cherished moments bring our community closer, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.

Learn More About Jobe

Website: www.jobetlp.org

Instagram: [@jobetlp](https://www.instagram.com/jobetlp)

Jobe's Community Service Event & Summer Outings



Jobe residents & staff (left to right): Christian, Mike, Alex, Champion, Maya, Kevin, Joshua, Keith, Quintyn & Beberly volunteer at Sisters of the Sacred heart in Chatsworth, CA.

For the past decade, Jobe's residents and staff have actively participated in the sister's annual Day of Service community event, joining forces with various other groups to enhance the beauty of their ranch. This event stands as a testament to Jobe's commitment to community service, serving as one of the most prominent ways our residents give back to the community. Each year, the event fosters a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among participants, as they work together towards a common goal. The rewarding experience not only enriches the local environment but also strengthens community bonds, reinforcing the spirit of cooperation and generosity. Jobe is eager to continue this cherished tradition, embodying the essence of giving back year after year.



Jobe residents & staff gear up for a laser tag match.



Staff Mike & Stephanie take on the track at MB2 raceway.



Jobe residents (left to right): Kevin, Erick, Joshua get ready to race on the track.

This summer, The Jobe program organized a trip down to MB2 Raceway in Santa Clarita, CA. Current Residents and former residents attended the event and celebrated along with staff. Residents participated in activities such as outdoor go-kart racing, laser tag, bowling and arcade games. Beyond the racing, the event served as a reunion, allowing participants to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate their shared journey. By organizing such outings, Jobe not only provides an opportunity for recreation but also strengthens the sense of belonging among current and former residents. Additionally, Jobe also organized a trip to Zuma beach during the summer to enjoy the sun and some fresh air while residents were on summer break. These experiences encourage individuals to build lasting connections and create cherished memories, contributing to the overall well-being and positive development of everyone involved. The initiative underscores Jobe's commitment to nurturing a community where every member feels valued and supported, ensuring the program's impact extends beyond its immediate objectives.

Soaring To New Heights

Erick, obtained his Bachelors of Science in Hospitality & Tourism in May of 2024 at the age of 23. After much consideration, Erick decided to pursue a career in the Aviation industry and joined an Aviation Academy in Van Nuys, California. Erick's decision to join the Aviation Academy marks an exciting new chapter in his life, filled with opportunities and challenges that will shape his future. By choosing to embark on his pilot career at a young age, he is strategically positioning himself to take advantage of the current growing demand for pilots in the aviation industry. Erick has obtained his student pilot certification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and attends flying lessons two to three times a week. As Erick navigates through the rigorous training and education required to become a pilot, he will develop a unique set of skills and experiences that will serve him well throughout his career. We are proud of Erick's determination and commitment to pursuing his dreams, and we look forward to watching him soar to new heights in the aviation world!



Get Involved

Consider donating monetary gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, new or gently-used clothing, and more!

Check out our website to explore the different ways you can get involved:

www.jobetlp.org/donate

Thank you, Brother John.



The Jobe Transitional Living Program would like to acknowledge Brother John Crowe's official retirement as a Brother of Holy Cross for 64 years. He is now residing in Austin, Texas at Saint Edwards University which was founded by the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother John became a Brother of Holy Cross in 1960. His first assignment was teaching in New Orleans. Brother John's second assignment was at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home in Chatsworth, California where he eventually rose to Chief Executive Officer. Brother John became an avid fan of the Jobe Program. He would attend every Thanksgiving and insist on carving the turkey and ham. Brother John committed his whole life to helping others and also always put others before himself. Brother John is an iconic individual and a great role model. Jobe will be forever grateful for Brother John's support.

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The words "thank you" are written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below the word "you" is a stylized graphic of a leafy branch with several leaves.

Farewell to Teshee: A Legacy of Dedication and Growth at the Jobe Program.

As we bid farewell to Teshee, the Associate Program Director of the Jobe Program for the past eight years, we reflect on her remarkable contributions and the indelible mark she has left on our community. Teshee's journey with the Jobe Program has been one of dedication, passion, and transformation. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping the program into the beacon of hope and support that it is today. During her tenure, Teshee pursued and completed her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), graduating in May 2024. Her commitment to personal, academic and professional growth is a testament to her dedication to the field of social work. We are immensely proud of Teshee's achievements and her decision to continue her career as a Psychiatric Social Worker in a hospital setting. While we will miss her presence and guidance, we are excited to see her bring her expertise and compassion to a new environment where she will undoubtedly continue to make a difference in the lives of many. Teshee's hard work and visionary leadership have laid a strong foundation for the future of the Jobe Program. Her legacy will continue to inspire our team and the countless individuals we serve. As we express our heartfelt gratitude for her contributions, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Thank you, Teshee, for your unwavering commitment and for making the Jobe Program what it is today.

Resident Comments

"Thank you Teshee, for all the wisdom and advice you gave me when I was stuck and lost. Your words will stay with me throughout my journey."

- Kevin, Jobe Resident (2021- Present)

"Teshee, thank you for always showing up for me and my fellow residents. Your dedication and passion for your work inspires me to continue with my education and pursue my dreams! Godspeed!"

- Maya, Jobe Resident (2021 - Present)

"Thank you Teshee for being a mentor, a role model, and a friend. You were always there to listen and steer me in the right direction. I will always cherish your advice and words of wisdom. So proud of you!"

- Erick, Jobe Resident (2021- Present)



Teshee takes a photo with Jobe residents on her last day.