

JOB Transitional Living Program

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Winter 2022 Newsletter

Introducing Our Newest Residents



Kevin is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth that joined the JOBE program in November 2021. **Kevin** is a freshman at Los Angeles Pierce College majoring in Architecture. **Kevin** is employed at a local restaurant and was recently promoted to a server position! Since joining the program, he has obtained a driver permit, driver license, car, and enrolled into college. **Kevin's** goals include passing classes for his first semester of college and continuing to build his savings to prepare for his future.



Jesus is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth that joined the program in November 2021. **Jesus** is a freshman at Los Angeles Pierce College majoring in Animal Science. He loves different types of creatures and aspires to become a zoologist. **Jesus** is currently employed at a local restaurant which has helped him start building his savings. **Jesus'** goals include obtaining a driver permit and license, purchasing his first car, and passing his classes for his first semester of college.



Raphael is a twenty-one-year-old former foster youth that joined the program in January 2022. He was referred to the program by Fostering Youth Independence (FYI), a program that provides resources and support to transition age foster youth. **Raphael** attends school at College of the Canyons and is pursuing a degree in Fire Science. He recently completed a yearlong program as a fire technician with California Conservation Corps. **Raphael's** goals include securing employment, obtaining a driver license and purchasing a car.

Message from the Director

As a New Year begins, so does opportunity for the JOBE residents to reach their benchmarks and succeed. Though the last two years have been challenging with the pandemic, JOBE residents have continued to show resiliency and continue to thrive. One hundred percent of JOBE residents are enrolled in college, one hundred percent are employed, ninety percent have a driver license and all are on their way to a better life. JOBE youth have never let being former foster youth or individuals that have struggled with stable housing define them. JOBE constantly encourages all individuals to define themselves by **earning** everything through hard work and sacrifice. Hard work and sacrifice builds character. JOBE also promotes hope, hope that all individuals can succeed with the right support. In addition to the many wraparound services JOBE offers, we have instituted an After Care Program. The After Care Program follows former residents into the community. We look forward to seeing all the accomplished goals for this year and celebrating the residents' successes with them.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Success Stories



The "Drive" to Succeed

Residents **Oscar** (pictured above) and **Kevin** recently obtained their driver licenses and first car. Having reliable transportation to work and school can be a huge step towards independence for anyone. All youth at JOBE are provided with behind-the-wheel driver training classes from an official driving school to ensure that they are prepared to take their test at the DMV and learn the rules of the road.

Our Mission

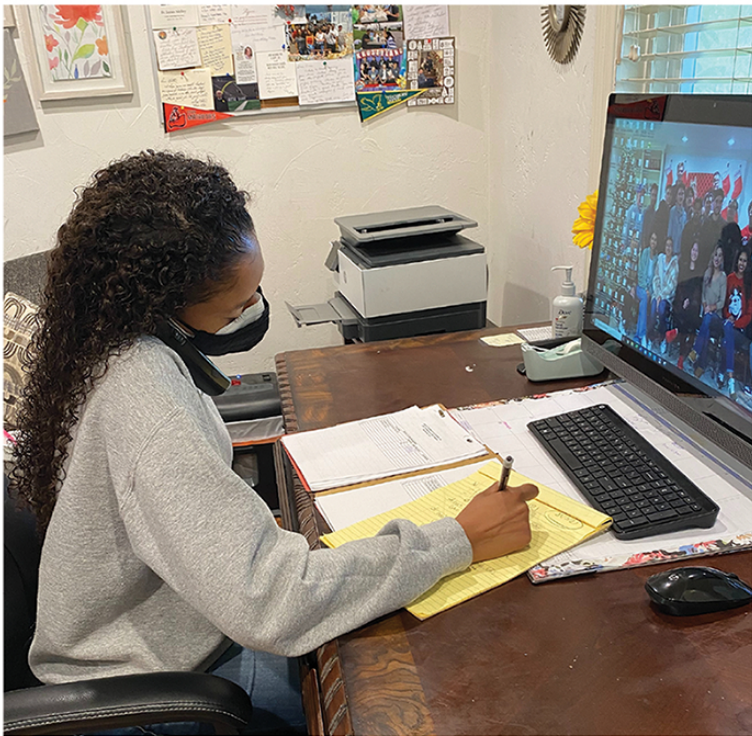
The mission of JOBE Transitional Living Program is to create a trauma informed, culturally aware, and safe environment for our Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)/homeless youth to utilize their individual strengths to end the cycle of poverty and become pillars of the community.



JOBE Gives Back to the Community

Residents and staff spent a day at the Sisters of Sacred Heart Ranch in Chatsworth for the annual community service event in November 2021. We really enjoy having the opportunity to do community service with the Sisters and introduce new residents to the feeling of giving back. It is a heartwarming feeling to watch the youth work together for the greater good and see the joy that it brings the Sisters. Youth are encouraged to develop social skills and collaborate with others through community service, which are necessary skills that they can apply to all their future endeavors.





Aftercare Services Now Offered at JOBE

As the program continues to grow, new services are being offered to the youth. We are proud to announce that Aftercare has now been added as a service at JOBE. Once residents transition out of the program, they have an opportunity to remain connected and continue receiving support through Aftercare. Residents will have continued access to resource linkage, mentorship, scholarships, assistance with groceries, and additional support as needed. JOBE staff will follow up with former residents once a month in person or over the phone to offer support and check in to see how they are doing since their transition out of the program.

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www.jobetlp.org

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Resilience & Overcoming Adversity

Thank you to **Marcy Ramos** and **Marquis Williams** for being guest speakers at an October Life Skills Class titled "Resilience & Overcoming Adversity." **Marcy** and **Marquis** both shared powerful stories about their experiences in the foster care system, different obstacles they have overcome, and the lessons they have learned along the way. JOBE residents thanked **Marcy** and **Marquis** for their vulnerability and had an opportunity to ask them for advice at the end of the class. Their stories were very relatable to JOBE residents and an inspiration to all.



Teaching the Importance of Financial Literacy

Huge thanks to **Joseph Shane** for being a guest speaker at an October Life Skills class! In addition to speaking about credit and financial literacy, Joseph connected with JOBE residents by sharing his experience as a former foster youth. Residents left this Life Skills class feeling confident in their ability to manage their finances, strategically build credit, and plan for the future.

Recent Birthdays



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Everyone was delighted to be able to come together and celebrate the holiday season as a community. As usual, former residents, family members, friends, and program supporters were all invited to partake in the holiday cheer along with current residents and staff. This is always a very joyous time of the year for everyone at JOBE. It our goal to create a fun and memorable time for everyone, especially the youth. We are fortunate enough to have two great bakers in the program. Residents **Aaron** and **Maya**, who are also siblings, both made a delicious pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving. Christmas included delicious tamales, warm champurrado, fun party games, hilarious gag gifts, smiling faces, and a house full of love. The holiday season is truly the most wonderful time of the year at JOBE.



Edwin (pictured above) celebrating his 23rd birthday.



Maya (pictured above) celebrating her 19th birthday.