

JOBE Transitional Living Program

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Introducing our Newest Residents



Emmanuel is a twenty-year-old junior at California State University Northridge. He joined the JOBE program in November 2019. **Emmanuel** is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and works part-time as a caregiver. **Emmanuel** was referred to the JOBE program by current resident, Edwin A. **Emmanuel** needed stable housing because he was couch surfing and commuting from Los Angeles to Northridge to attend classes. **Emmanuel** is appreciative of the program and has had his family at the JOBE House for the holidays and special events.



Karla is an eighteen-year-old freshman at California State University Northridge. **Karla** is majoring in Business Law and works part-time on campus. **Karla** was referred to the JOBE program by current resident, Kevin. **Karla** struggled obtaining stable housing prior to joining the JOBE program in November 2019. **Karla** is an excellent student and has a bright future. One of **Karla's** short-term goals is to obtain her driver permit and license before summertime.



Brian is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth that joined the JOBE program in November 2019. **Brian** is a freshman at Los Angeles Pierce College and is interested in pursuing a degree in Journalism. **Brian** is currently actively seeking employment and will work part-time while he attends school. **Brian** is very social and has already built relationships with the other residents. **Brian's** goals are to earn work experience, pass his classes, and obtain a driver permit.

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www.JOBETLP.org

Letter from the Director

The Christmas season is a very special time at the JOBE House. Our residents completed another successful semester at school and enjoyed some much-needed rest. The holiday season is a time of giving and showing appreciation. JOBE residents did their annual volunteer day at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Ranch in Chatsworth (pictured below). JOBE residents, along with other community members, painted, raked leaves, moved furniture and dug an irrigation ditch. At JOBE, we emphasize the importance of giving back, selflessness, and being a part of something bigger than yourself. Our residents did exceptionally well during the fall semester. Numerous residents earned a 3.0 GPA or higher! Education is one of the key benchmarks of the JOBE program. Not only is education power, it opens doors which would not normally be open and creates more opportunities. One of our sayings at JOBE is "get paid for what you know, not just what you do." JOBE will have two residents graduating in May 2020! As the new year begins, JOBE looks forward to assisting more youth in obtaining their goals. JOBE is always looking for services and programs to empower our youth and help them succeed.

Sincerely,
Keith Wieser
Program Director



Volunteer Day at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Ranch – November 2, 2019.

Resident Success Stories



Former Resident John Ricks

John was a resident of the program from 2013 to 2016 and he was the first Resident Assistant. John has accomplished many things since graduating from the program. **John** has always been a hard worker and is currently the assistant manager at his place of work. **John** is an exceptional father. He and his wife, Melissa, share three children together, Sy'niah (not pictured), London, and Rome. **John** brings his family to all holiday celebrations and special events at the JOBE House. John has been a valued employee of JOBE for the last few years and uses his own life experience to relate to the residents.



Sushi Selfie!

In celebration of **Joni's** nineteenth birthday, we all gathered at a local sushi restaurant for delicious food and laughs. **Joni**, who is always open to new experiences, was thrilled. We practiced proper table manners and resident **Kevin** gave us a tutorial on how to use chopsticks. We traded pieces of sushi and discussed how tasty everything was. The meal was ended by singing "Happy Birthday" to Joni and enjoying a bowl of green tea ice cream.



Brother John's 60th Anniversary

Thank you to all who attended the honoring of **Brother John** as a Brother of Holy Cross for sixty years. It was a beautiful evening filled with smiles, delicious food, and great memories that were made. The place was packed with guests that Brother John has met along the years. Along with acknowledging **Brother John's** anniversary, this was JOBE's opportunity to thank **Brother John** for his support and contributions to our program.



The More the Merrier

As usual, the annual Christmas party at JOBE was nothing short of amazing. On December 20, 2019, current and former residents of JOBE gathered along with staff to celebrate the holiday. A few residents invited friends and family members to join the fun. Some of our most valued program supporters were in attendance as well. It was nice to see former residents interact and play games like Uno, Jenga, and cards with the newer residents. There was a variety of tamales to choose from and a buffet full of colorful desserts. But of course, the most memorable part of the evening was gathering around the Christmas tree for the gift exchange. Christmas is always the most delightful time of year at JOBE. At JOBE, it is our goal to create a family-like environment that is safe, supportive, and accepting. This is something that we strive for year after year.