JOBE Transitional Living Program

A Program of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Introducing our Newest Residents











Destiney ("Dez") is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth that joined JOBE in August. **Dez** attends school at Los Angeles Valley College as an incoming freshman and aspires to become either a Social Worker or an EMT. She also works part-time at Chuck E. Cheese. **Dez** was referred to the program by ILP Coordinator Dede Kuper. We are happy **Dez** has had multiple Family Days of cookouts & swimming at the JOBE House. She is excited to start her college experience.

Edwin A. is a twenty-year-old junior majoring in Computer Science at Cal State Northridge. He was referred by current resident, Kevin, and joined the JOBE program in August. Edwin spent countless hours a week commuting from Los Angeles to Northridge for classes and needed stable housing so that he can spend more time focusing on his studies. Edwin has adjusted to living at JOBE very well and looks forward to a very productive school year.

Destiny B. is a twenty-year-old former foster youth that needed housing with JOBE because she was close to reaching the age limit for her prior housing program. **Destiny** is studying Nursing at College of the Canyons. She works part-time as an in-home caretaker and aspires to join the medical field once she completes her education. **Destiny** will be able to focus on school more now that she has stable housing with JOBE.

Jonathan ("Joni") is an eighteen-year-old incoming freshman at Pierce College majoring in Spanish. He joined JOBE in August. Joni is a former foster youth referred by ILP Coordinator Dede Kuper. Joni obtained employment within three weeks of living at JOBE! He works part-time at a restaurant as a cook and cashier. Joni's favorite hobbies consist of playing his guitar and swimming in the pool. Joni is very passionate about giving back to his community.

Xina is an eighteen-year-old incoming freshman at Cal State Northridge. Xina joined JOBE in August. Xina is from San Jose and needed stable housing in order to attend school at CSUN. She was referred to the program by a former JOBE resident connected to the EOP office at CSUN. Xina is currently majoring in Film and wants to produce, direct and write uplifting stories for her community. Xina also enjoys learning about other cultures.

Letter from the Director

JOBE Transitional Living Program is excited to become a program of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles (CCLA) as of August 2019. CCLA is celebrating their centennial in 2019. CCLA has over 100 programs serving the people of Los Angeles. JOBE now has a multitude of resources to serve transitional age youth (TAY) ages 18-24 to meet their educational and vocational goals in life. With the support and assistance of CCLA, JOBE envisions expanding their program in Los Angeles to assist more youth. JOBE would like to express a special thank you to Monsignor Gregory Cox of CCLA and Timothy McAnany and Vincent Martin of JOBE for the transition to CCLA. Their incredible leadership and support made the transition to CCLA exceptionally smooth. After graduating 3 residents from college last year, JOBE would like to welcome our new residents to our program. It is our hope the new residents will prosper and graduate from school in the near future. We are excited to see our new residents begin their journey to success and become self-sufficient young adults.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser Program Director JOBE Transitional Living Program

For more information about JOBE Transitional Living Program, visit our website at:

www.JOBETLP.org

Resident Updates



Two of our residents recently purchased their own cars! **Shalamar** (pictured above) obtained his driver license in May and purchased his car in August. **Edwin D.** obtained his license in February and purchased his car in July. Both young men did an excellent job saving their money while living at JOBE. With the help of JOBE staff, **Edwin D.** and **Shalamar** were able to find reliable used cars that they purchased in cash and without financing. Purchasing a car is an important benchmark at JOBE. Reliable transportation will provide many more opportunities for **Edwin D.** and **Shalamar**. They will now learn how to budget for car expenses and properly maintain their vehicles. We are all very proud of them!

JOBE at Dodgers Game



We had a great time taking the JOBE residents out for CSUN Night at the Dodgers vs. Giants game. Wendy (pictured above) is one of the JOBE residents that was in attendance. For some, this was their first professional sports event they've attended. Experiencing all-you-can-eat Dodger Dogs, LA wrapped cotton candy, peanuts, ice cream and, of course, the magic in the stands, all made for a lifetime memory and experience!

Upcoming Events



We are pleased to invite you to join us for a night of great fun, delicious food & drinks and laughter! **Fritz Coleman** has been a longtime voice and face in the community of Los Angeles. Meet **Fritz** in person and watch him LIVE **September 28, 2019** at our Comedy Show Fundraiser.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Brother John Crowe's 60 Years as a Brother of Holy Cross

OPEN HOUSE AT JOBE HOUSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 5:00PM - 8:00PM

9801 ALDEA AVE. NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325

Hors d'oeuvres & Drinks will be Served Sponsored by: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.

Please RSVP with Keith Wieser Email: keithwieser@aol.com or Phone: 818-470-4301

Join us as we honor Brother John for his 60-year anniversary as a Brother of Holy Cross on **November 2, 2019**. Brother John has a longstanding relationship with CCLA and is a beloved supporter of JOBE Transitional Living Program. CCLA and JOBE are delighted to celebrate Brother John and his lasting commitment as a Brother of Holy Cross. All friends are invited to stop in and congratulate Brother John.