MISSION
To empower disenfranchised low income individuals and families by building leadership through evidence-based programs and housing to create self-sufficiency and thriving communities.

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THE ROAD TO CHANGE
“We Call it Home, Others Call it Hope”
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Creating Healthy Alternatives Mobilizing Proposition 47!

Time for Change Foundation and community volunteers gathered on July 25th to conduct a FREE Prop. 47 Felony Reduction Clinic. After almost 2 months of outreach efforts, those in need of assistance came out in multitudes to have their felonies reduced to misdemeanors. Hundreds of Petitions were completed which will reduce barriers to employment and housing while strengthening families in the Inland Empire!

This event was a part of CHAMP47 (Creating Healthy Alternatives Mobilizing Prop. 47), an initiative of TFCF created to implement Proposition 47, The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, which was approved by voters in last November’s election. The CHAMP47 campaign will help to improve the health and safety of our community which has been devastated by mass incarceration. It will also help rebuild families by removing underlying barriers to employment, access to health care, and education in San Bernardino.
HELPING WOMEN TODAY, SO THEY CAN HELP THEMSELVES TOMORROW

Sharina Chavies came to TFCF after she paroled on February 9, 2014. After serving six years in prison for her addiction and criminal lifestyle, she knew it was time for change and that she needed help but didn’t know where to begin. For Sharina, learning how to live a better life was easy to say but getting proper direction on how to actually do it was her challenge. Coming from the streets of Los Angeles, all she knew was how to hustle and break the law. A complete lifestyle change was going to be tough, but she knew it was not impossible. As soon as Sharina entered the program she developed some goals and a plan to achieve them. “At first, I didn’t understand why I had to go to the weekly groups and I was not willing to participate, then Ms. Carter asked me when I was going to take the mask off and be honest with myself and my life; that’s when I broke down crying,” said Sharina. “I have a twenty-year old daughter that I did not have a relationship with and I wanted to learn how to live without breaking the law so I could begin a relationship with her and have a better life.” That is when the healing process began for Sharina. She started participating in groups and followed all of the directions given to her by her case manager. “I became willing to do whatever was suggested, one of the many things that I have gained from TFCF is the will to change.” After a year in the program, Sharina has gained employment, her own apartment, developed a relationship with her daughter and family, and has been clean from drugs for eight years. “I don’t let things affect me like they used to. I don’t think any of this would be possible without the directions and caring staff of Time for Change Foundation.”

Marilyn’s Story

I have a daughter who supports me and I can smile again.”
- Marilyn Gregory

After I was incarcerated I had no money, no ID, no food, no clothing, and was homeless. When I came to TFCF, I was provided with the necessities that I needed to live. They offered me the opportunity to re-establish myself and gave me one-on-one support that made me feel comfortable and helped build a connection to the people who were working with me. I am now able to stand tall and use my voice. I know how to say no without being afraid of being hurt and I hold accountability for my actions. I am finally enjoying being responsible. I am proud of who I am today. I recently became employed with Loma Linda University Medical Center as a Financial Counselor and am saving to get my own apartment, vehicle, and I plan to expand my education to broaden my career opportunities. Thank you TFCF for giving me the hand up I needed to get back on my own two feet.

Melissa’s Story

My name is Melissa and after my husband passed away, I began taking pills and my life slowly began to get out of control. I needed help and somewhere to go. TFCF gave me what I was looking for and so much more! Today I am clean from all drugs, I have a stable home, a really good job, and most of all I’m an awesome mommy! TFCF has lived up to all of my expectations.

Since coming here, I am an honest person with a great relationship with my family. My son has come around tenfold since we got here; he’s so happy and his behavior has improved tremendously. I’m now working towards getting myself a car and am hoping to be able to buy my first home this time next year. TFCF has been so understanding and patient with me and I’m very thankful for all it’s done for me and my son.

“I have built a savings, purchased a car and I am able to pay my own bills.”
- Sharina Chavies

“I have a daughter who supports me and I can smile again.”
- Marilyn Gregory

“Thank you TFCF!”
- Melissa and Cameron
CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Teaching evidence-based programs and services we aim to:

- strengthen non-profits and other community based governmental agencies
- provide empowerment through leadership skills
- build advocacy tools within underserved populations and the community at large
- support non-profits, and other social and governmental agencies
- acquire the best practices and incorporate evidence based programming with measurable outcomes

WE SPECIALIZE IN DELIVERING EVIDENCE BASED TRAINING WITH PROVEN MODELS OF SUCCESS

We Love Our Children

When a child enters our program they are the priority. Our Children’s Learning Center at our Sweet Dreams Shelter was designed to spark the intelligence at a young age so that they can reach their highest potential in their education. The Learning Center provides easy access to computers, books, interactive learning modules, and hands on Mommy & Me activities. We acknowledge it's our role to help break the intergenerational cycles of homelessness and neglect in the lives of these precious children. We do this through interactive learning activities and tons of fun!

Creating Opportunities for Employment

We would like to give kudos to Ms. Carter for completing her San Bernardino Community College District’s Contractors Academy class to help our women create jobs!

If you need trucking services please call us at 909-886-2994!
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Helping ‘invisible people’ break out of homelessness
Ex-addict Kim Carter helps homeless women and children reclaim their lives.

CNN Hero: Kim Carter

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