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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.

WISH4KIDS

Time for Change Foundation’s Wellness program provides evidence-based housing and supportive services to homeless women and children. At TFCF children are the priority. We ensure that their emotional, mental, and physical needs are being met. Using a 2-generational model, we provide evidence-based housing and supportive services designed to break intergenerational cycles of poverty, homelessness, incarceration, addiction, and chronic health conditions.

This is done by providing licensed therapy, enrolling our children into school, providing family reunification services such as legal support and Mommy and Me mother-child bonding classes, providing school supplies and clothing, having a children’s learning center in the home, and ensuring they have warm meals daily. Our goal for each family is to eliminate homelessness and help them become self-sufficient. To date we have helped over 3,300 homeless women and children reach self-sufficiency and have reunited 320 children back with their moms out of the foster care system.
We Call it Home

Shantelle’s Story

What happened? That was my constant thought as I sat in prison realizing that I had let my 2 kids down again. I had a vision in my mind of being a caring and nurturing parent because I didn’t have that. As far as I can remember, domestic violence was inherited from my grandmother, passed down to my mother and dwelling within me. I was pretty much raised in the foster care system, and I wanted so much more for myself. Yet here I was endangering myself and my children with toxicity and unhealthy relationships. I lost myself.

During my time in prison, I did a lot of personal growth and healing. Upon my release, I knew how I wanted my life to be and that I had to get my kids out of foster care. I found out about Time for Change Foundation’s (TFCF) Positive Futures II program, while in prison and quickly enrolled in the program upon release. I got a job just 4 days after my release but still needed assistance and guidance to reunify with my children. The hardest part was finding permanent housing for me and my kids. Although the program assisted with my basic needs and employment support, I still needed my Child Protective Services worker to approve my reunification.

Both TFCF staff and I searched feverishly to get me an apartment, but everything was filled up or had a waiting list. I was told to be patient, that God didn’t bring me this far to fail, but every visit with my children would leave me heartbroken because I couldn’t take them with me. Then it happened, an apartment became available on June 1st, and I received a wonderful fully furnished apartment where I could bring my kids home. It’s been 2 weeks already and my worker has approved my reunification to happen before the end of the month! I am truly grateful!

Nadaja’s Story

Originally from Chicago, Nadja moved to California to live with relatives in hopes of building a new life with her son (16) and daughter (13). It wasn’t long before she realized the living situation was not healthy. Living in shelters and in her car became the norm as she struggled with seeing the disappointment in her children’s faces. After spending three months living in their car, showering in park bathrooms all while working a full-time job, she was at a standstill. Her daughter recalls feeling helpless during this time saying, “as a teenager you can’t really do much financially to help, but I tried not to complain because I understood my mom was going through a hard time.” Nadaja came across a Facebook post for affordable housing. Although Nadaja wasn’t sure if she’d qualify because she had no rental history, she knew it wouldn’t hurt to try. That’s when she met the staff at Time for Change Foundation and Ms. Dominique took her by the hand.

“This blessing was so abundant and I thank God we’re inside for summer and that my kids have a place to call home. I was blessed with a beautiful fully furnished apartment and my kids in their own room. We Call it Home, Others Call it Hope. that sticks in my mind because I had some hope and made that call, we now have a home. I’m thankful and grateful for EVERYTHING!”

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First Generation College Education

Carmela’s Story

Carmela is a recipient of the of Time for Change Foundation’s Education Scholarship program. This scholarship program supports those enrolled in Community College, Vocational School, and the BBOP Business Academy. Here’s her story on the importance of education.

As a woman of ethnic background, it’s paramount for our legacy to obtain, not only a lucrative career, but a meaningful one. Throughout history, women faced and still face many obstacles; we still live in a world of patriarchy; countries that still look at women as inferior; women get paid less than men. Leading me to this point, women in education and prominent positions are the catalysts for my applying to this amazing scholarship opportunity.

To give a bit of a backstory, I moved from the Philippines to America, the land of the free, at 2 years old. My parents dreamt of a better life for our family. Fast forward to 2008, I decided to take some prerequisite college classes to move towards a nursing degree. My mother, at the time, had been battling cancer a few years back and was in remission. To our grim surprise, the cancer had returned and infiltrated her body. I was asked by family to drop out of college and take care of my mother while my dad went to work. She took a turn for the worst and in a matter of 3 months, she succumbed to this insidious disease.

I am now enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) with the goal to become a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). I currently work as an instructional tutor at Arroyo Valley High School and if it wasn’t for my colleagues, friends, and husband, I wouldn’t have the courage to go back to continuing my education. So far, I am loving the online classes and can manage my time very well along with the daily responsibilities of life. I feel that an LMFT would not only benefit my career, but it would benefit others that struggle with mental illness.

In essence, I am confident and determined to reach my goal. I am a 46-year-old with insecurities just like any other woman, but with a plan and passion to continue my education, no matter what comes my way. My mom would be very proud!

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients!
El viaje emprendedor de Blanca comenzó hace un año cuando comenzó su negocio, Cheesy Pupusas. Originaria de El Salvador, Blanca anhelaba probar el sabor del hogar, pero para su sorpresa no pudo encontrar su comida casera favorita, las pupusas, hechas a su gusto. Fue entonces cuando decidió comenzar su negocio y crear sus propios gustos de hogar. Con el objetivo a largo plazo de escalar su negocio en un restaurante de franquicia, Blanca fue informada sobre la Academia de Negocios BBOP por un amigo, que también forma parte del programa. Actualmente está trabajando para establecer su negocio legalmente y estandarizar su receta. Su objetivo general es estar equipada con las herramientas necesarias para escalar su negocio en un restaurante de franquicia.

Blanca’s entrepreneur journey began a year ago when she started her business, Cheesy Pupusas. Originally from El Salvador, Blanca yearned for a taste of home but to her surprise she was not able to find her favorite comfort food, pupusas, made to her liking. That’s when she decided to start her business and create her own tastes of home. With the long-term goal to scale her business into a franchise restaurant Blanca was told about the BBOP Business Academy by a friend, who is also part of the program. She is currently working to establish her business legally and standardize her recipe.
BBOP BUSINESS ACADEMY PARTICIPANT NACHE COSMETICS JOINED OUR SPRING 2023 COHORT AND RECENTLY HAD HER GRAND OPENING!

Congratulations

You can find her products at www.nachecosmetics.com/shop

After last year’s successful first cohort of the BBOP Business Academy, our second cohort hit the ground running! Filling quickly with over 30 women entrepreneurs, they were thrilled to take the next big step to creating generational wealth for their families.

We’re excited to have rolled out a Spanish version of the BBOP Business Academy Build Program! This includes Spanish speaking mentorship, coaching and a online version of the hybrid learning platform.

With support from the Time for Change Foundation Education Scholarship each entrepreneur has the opportunity to receive funds to be used towards their business. Oftentimes, as a new entrepreneur, funding is difficult to come by. This scholarship makes it possible for each recipient to move forward in the program with one less worry.

Nache Thompson of Nache Cosmetics took full advantage of these opportunities and excelled through the Build Program. She recently began the Grow Program to continue expanding her business.
**Barry's Story**

Barry doesn’t remember much about the Watts LA Riot because he was so young, but what he does remember is the constant sounds of gun shots. Much is to be said about being a young black kid amid environmental suffocation, failing schools and lack of investment in the infrastructure of South Central. Like most families trying to desperately escape the mental anguish that accompanies extreme poverty, Barry joined the church where he sang in the youth choir. Church served as a sanctuary and a place where his family could find spiritual comradery.

Wrong place at the wrong time? This is another story of where the justice system fails to deliver for black men in America. Without any prior negativity or behavior issues at school or at home, Barry became a target for a crime he did not commit. Despite his innocence, he was shepherded through without proper legal defense and found himself sentenced to LIFE in prison. For the next 40 years he would remain vigilante about his story although many disbelief. Thankfully, organizations like the ACLU, and the Innocence Project who continue to get black men released from prison because they were wrongfully convicted have supported people like Barry.

It was finally discovered Barry was falsely accused. Fighting for Barry until 1997, ACLU turned the case to the Federal Public Defender’s office in Los Angeles which resulted in a Federal Judge overturning the conviction in 2016. It took another 7 years for the injustice system to acknowledge his case and on May 10, 2023, Barry was freed after 4 decades. TFCF’s Brighter Futures welcomed Barry home on May 31, 2023, he now looks forward to his Brighter Future!

**Anthony's Story**

At the age of 5 his mother left him, and he went to live with his grandmother. He didn’t understand why his mother left, and his pain turned into anger. This trauma at such a young age made him believe that no one cared for him, that he was all he had, and he had to do things all on his own. At the age of 18, Anthony was sentenced to LIFE in prison and spent the following 19 years incarcerated. On July 30, 2020, he was granted parole and was released on January 4, 2021.

Upon his release, a part of him still believed that, yet he put his pride to the side, humbled himself and built up the courage to ask for help. He expressed “life is hard out here, but I am thankful that there are programs like Time for Change Foundation and the LEAP program to help people like me get back on their feet.” With the help of the LEAP program, which helps formerly incarcerated individuals with employment, he was able to get hired with a construction company. However, his heart wanted to do more meaningful work, leading him to work with an organization called California Justice Leaders. He stated “I want to give back and help people like me, help those who experienced the same upbringing as me and have suffered the consequence of making bad decisions. I want to help show them that there is a better way.”

I am excited to share that I have been accepted to Cal State San Bernardino to further my education! I am beyond blessed to start my journey to becoming a case manager and helping others in need. I am so grateful for Time for Change Foundation and for Ms. Lisha who took the time to help me on such short notice. LEAP provided me with clothing, food cards, gas cards, resume building, job leads and mentorship along the way to my success. “My plan is to help people the same way that Lisha helped me. Thank you so much for all your help!”
Millions of Californians will now be able to contribute to this state and its economy, freed from the thousands of counterproductive yet permanent restrictions to opportunity that serve only to destabilize families and undermine our collective safety.

California has now become the first state in US history to allow most people with old records who have fully completed their sentence and gone 4 years without further contact with the justice system the all opportunity to have their criminal record permanently sealed!

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To apply and for more information go to www.Timeforchangefoundation.org and fill out the Northern CA application OR call Ms. Gilmore
Ofc: 510-397-2443 | Cell: 209-673-1433

Remember the Time for Change is NOW... You have the power to achieve a Brighter Future!

Thank you to our major sponsors!
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