

Build Futures // November is Homeless Awareness Month!

Laurel's Story

One month ago, Build Futures got a call from the police saying they had found a homeless 19-year-old girl on the street with her one-year-old son. After calling 211 and a long list of nonprofits serving homeless women and children, they did not find anyplace that would house her. Most had waiting lists and they all require initial meetings for intake. Build Futures paid for Laurel and her son to be housed that night in one of the shared housing properties we partner with. We provided groceries, a bus pass, and hygiene products for her.

Build Futures set up a step-by-step plan for her for the following week, beginning with social services to get cash aid to meet her and her son's immediate needs. She then went to the social security office to get her social security card so she could work. Collaborating with a faith based organization, which provided care for her son and a reference for a job; she was able to start work after only three weeks! She is receiving paid training for a receptionist position and will make a good hourly wage.

Laurel's plan is to stay in her current housing for now to save money so she can get a place of her own for herself and her son. At the same time she will finish getting her GED. Laurel now has a future filled with endless possibilities and as a contributing member of our community.

This is what we can do as a community working together.



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Build Futures Impacts Lives



List of our most needed items can be found [here](#)

Volunteer

To get involved with the youth, become a mentor, or offer a service, email:
Kathy@BuildFutures.org

Or sign-up online at:
www.buildfutures.org

In 2013, CA had the most
homeless 18-24 year olds.

79% were unsheltered.



You can make a difference.
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Homeless OC high school seniors doubles in three years!

The number of homeless kids is growing significantly.

The number of homeless high school seniors in Orange County has doubled in three years to 2,242. We are asking your help to take some of these kids immediately off the street and house them in a safe place. This will directly transform their lives and give them a chance to get a job and a future free from homelessness.

Build Futures has helped over 160 homeless kids this year and paid to house 70; the majority were young girls. We expect a 50% increase in the number we house in 2014 compared to 2013. Build Futures makes the difference between a night spent in fear on the streets and a night in a warm, safe bed.

Build Futures believes it is unacceptable for any of the kids we serve to be on the street exposed to the many dangers that exist. These kids are desperate and need someone to give them a chance and someplace safe to sleep. Build Futures is the only hope for most of these kids who might otherwise fall victim to prostitution, gangs and drug dealers. These kids need help to cross the

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gap from homelessness to safety,
employment and hope.

Helping homeless kids become independent
and contributing members of our community
takes time, money and effort. Your support
is needed to help us take these kids off the
street to safety and self-sufficiency.

How Can Your Money Help?

Rent  Cash contributions needed for housing.	Bus Passes  Mandatory for jobs, housing and services.	Phone Service  Needed for jobs.	Food Cards  With no money, this allows a hot meal.
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Help by donating today!
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Build Futures is a non-profit 501c3 organization whose mission is to help homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth ages 18 to 24 achieve their maximum potential and lead fulfilling lives within our community.
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