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Save Lives

## You saved Stephanie's life

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Who is the first person you want to call when you're sick? Isn't it your mom, your dad, or at least *someone* who cares? But what if you had **no one**?



This was how we found Stephanie; alone and rejected by her family. When her abusive mother kicked her out of the house at the age of 18, she had nowhere to go, and no one to turn to. Not only was Stephanie struggling to survive on the streets, she was also suffering from chronic stomach pain that had been plaguing her for months. When Stephanie contacted Build Futures, we immediately took her off the streets and provided her with a safe place to sleep. Once Stephanie told us about her stomach pain, we rushed her to the nearest hospital, and she went into surgery the next day. Build Futures provided comfort, support, and a safe place to stay while she recovered. Once Stephanie felt better she began interviewing and had a job within a week. After only one week of working, the pain returned. There were complications from the surgery and an infection had developed in her pancreas. This required her to stay two weeks in the hospital and take another three weeks after that to fully recover. Because of your donations, Build Futures was able to support Stephanie during this extremely difficult time. We are happy to say that Stephanie is finally healthy and ready to begin her job search once again. This time, she will be pain-free and not alone. Thank you for your generous donations that allow us to truly change the lives of homeless youth like Stephanie.

There is no greater gift this holiday season than to love a child that has never been loved, and to provide them with a safe, warm place to sleep, dream, and begin to hope for a better life.

**Don't wait, make a big difference in the life of a homeless youth. Send a gift today.**

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones,

*Kathy Tillotson*



**96% of All Donations Go Directly for those we serve.**

Build Futures is a non-profit 501c3 organization (90-0629740) whose mission

is to take homeless youth ages 18 to 24 off the street and provide housing and support for them to achieve self-sufficiency. Visit us at [www.BuildFutures.org](http://www.BuildFutures.org)

## 79% Reduction in Public Costs to House a homeless person

In Orange County, 1 in 17 students are homeless compared to 1 in 44 in Los Angeles County. The number of Orange County students living at or near the poverty level is almost 50%. Orange County has 5.5% of their children unstably housed, more than anywhere else in California, with 28,000 homeless students in Orange County public schools.

When these kids turn 18, they are still homeless. This is an unnecessary cost to our community. A report done in Los Angeles showed supportive housing for a homeless person cost \$605 a month versus the cost of them remaining homeless of \$2,897 a month. This means housing the homeless results in a 79 percent reduction in public costs.

Build Futures has housed 48 homeless youth this year and helped over 140, we save lives **and** costs to the community.

See and hear a homeless girl share her experiences and read more stories from homeless teens with this link:

[Homeless teens battle odds to finish high school](#)

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