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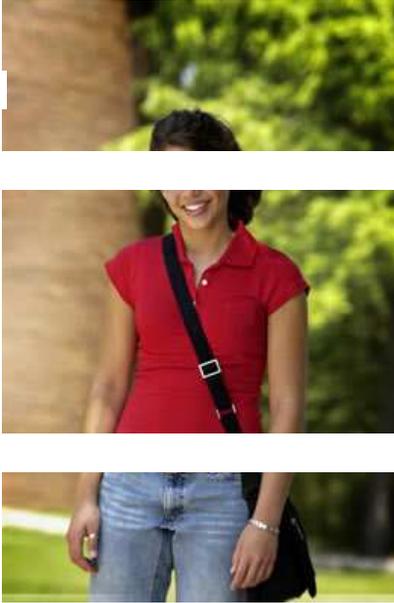
Growing up, Lauren's parents were alcoholics. When they had seen too much neglect and abuse, a concerned neighbor called social services and Lauren was removed from her home to live with her grandparents. Unfortunately, her grandfather was physically abusive. Having trouble coping and dealing with chronic nightmares, eventually Lauren succumbed to what she was familiar with, alcohol.

When she couldn't take the abuse any longer and turned 18, she ran away. Alone, afraid, anxious and understandably distrusting of adults, Lauren had nowhere to go. **Orange County does not have any emergency housing for a young women.**

A friend contacted their mentor, a public defender, who referred Lauren to Build Futures. Build Futures was able to place her in a sober living home that day. Going to AA meetings and surrounded by those determined to stay sober, Lauren saw what she was doing to herself with alcohol.

Build Futures enrolled Lauren in a four week job program to gain confidence and self-esteem and learn what is required by employers in the workplace. After the course, she felt confident enough to try getting a job. She is now three months sober and able to pay her own rent and begin to save money from her waitressing job. She plans to pursue higher education. Lauren's life was transformed because of your donations. At Build Futures, \$0.96 of every dollar donated goes to helping kids like Lauren.

Please give generously today so together we can continue to transform the lives of these kids and give them hope, and a future free from homelessness.



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