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**News For The Future**  
A publication of Build Futures  
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## Because of your generous donations...

**Samantha**, who had been homeless most of her life and lived on the streets of Orange County with her family, came to Build Futures needing everything. Her mother had died when she was 16 years old. Despite the horrible loss, 90 days after meeting with Build Futures, Samantha is now working and is self-sufficient.

**Justin** was housed and received services for six months from Build Futures after he was referred by a Huntington Beach nonprofit. At 13 Justin started drinking with his parents. By 15, he was drinking heavily, which led him into a spiral of helplessness and alcoholism, and subsequently homelessness. Build Futures assisted him by placing him in a sober living home to address his issues with alcoholism and helped him get his California ID and social security card so he could seek employment. Currently, he is supporting himself working as a certified security guard.

**Henry and Jeannette** have heartbreaking stories seen too often here in our county. When they turned 18 they were no longer allowed to live at home. Jeannette had to quit school during her senior year, but after three months of help from Build Futures, she is working and looking forward to going back to high school in January. Henry, who like Jeannette was referred to Build Futures by a school counselor, worked with a job placement service and Build Futures to secure a steady job. He is now self sufficient and working in his dream profession, the food industry.

**Build Futures** works to eliminate barriers for these kids striving toward independent living. Without funding from our community to pay for housing, bus passes and phones these kids would not have had a stable place to live to begin their path to self sufficiency.

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Thank you for all your help and support. Your life-changing contributions allow us to keep our doors open to those in desperate need.

**Happy Holidays!**



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## New Report Exposes Stark Contrast in O.C.

### Stark Contrast in Quality of Life

The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) recently launched the ConnectOC Community Report, a first-of-its-kind resource providing eye-opening facts and insight into the areas of greatest need in Orange County.



“ConnectOC tells the story of two very different counties,” said Shelley Hoss, president of OCCF. “On one hand, Orange County is a place where people live in the lap of luxury, with beautiful homes, access to top hospitals and private school education. But on the other, many Orange County residents are struggling when it comes to the most basic necessities – food, shelter and safety.”

[See entire article](#)

**Build Futures provides the safety net for homeless youth 18 to 24 who have:**

- No Family
- No Friends
- No Safe Place to Sleep
- NO HOPE!

They are alone, afraid and cold.

Build Futures goes to these kids in the street and assists them to become safe and self sufficient.

## **DONATE NOW**

On behalf of BUILD FUTURES and our all volunteer staff, we thank you for your generosity, as we could not accomplish our mission without the support of our amazing donors and supporters.

## **Build Futures offers hope to youth in crisis.**

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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