

JOB Transitional Living Program

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Jobe Residents: (Top row left to right) Kevin, Naima. (Middle row left to right) Kamau, Alex, Erick. (Bottom left to right) Quintyn, Emmanuel, Clara, Alexandra.

Stability & Support Leads to Academic Success

Jobe Transitional Living program is thrilled to start the new year by sharing the remarkable success stories emerging from the incredible residents in the program. Jobe is committed to providing stable housing and support to former foster youth and college students at risk for housing instability. Navigating higher education can be particularly challenging for young adults who have experienced the foster care system or face the threat of housing instability. Stability, in terms of a safe and supportive home, form the backbone of the Jobe program. Residents are empowered to focus on their education without the constant worry about their basic necessities such as where they will sleep at night, how they will afford groceries, or how they will pay for textbooks for the upcoming semester. Jobe residents are urged to enhance their college experience by participating in clubs, engaging in internships, and exploring various extracurricular activities. The transformative impact of Jobe is not just evident in the daily lives of its

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Message from the Director

Wishing everyone health and happiness in the new year! Reflecting on 2023, Jobe continues to make a significant impact on one of society's most overlooked groups—former foster youth and those who experience housing instability. Prior to joining the program, all of Jobe's youth had struggled immensely with their education. With Jobe's assistance, these young people are now excelling academically and personally. Jobe provides a wide range of wraparound services including stable housing, nutritious meals, therapy with a licensed therapist, clothing assistance, life skills classes, employment opportunities, and more. With Jobe's support, all residents are achieving their dreams and goals. Jobe's dedication and tireless efforts have truly made a difference in the lives of these young people. By providing them with a stable and supportive environment, they are able to focus on their education and personal growth. In addition to the wraparound services, Jobe also serves as a mentor and role model to these youth, showing them that they can achieve anything they set their minds to. As we enter the new year, let us all take a moment to reflect on the positive impact we can have on those around us, and strive to make a difference in our communities.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Resident Updates



Kevin meal prepping in anticipation for a busy week

Becoming a Chef at Home

Kevin, who works as a server at a prestigious country club, has brought his culinary experience to Jobe's kitchen. He's been cooking up a storm with fresh ingredients, exploring new flavors, and sharing his creations with his housemates. Kevin also helped create a recipe book for the house filled with delicious meal ideas. Jobe promotes healthy living by encouraging residents to cook their own meals, limit fast food consumption, and prepare meals in advance when they expect a busy week ahead. Jobe's emphasis on healthy living has not only improved the physical well-being of its residents but has also led to a sense of community and creativity in the kitchen.

Learn More

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residents but it is also reflected in their academic achievements and future aspirations. This issue will spotlight the stories of three Jobe residents—Clara, Erick, and Donta—as shining examples of this impact.



Clara's Story

Clara joined the program in Fall 2022 as a junior at California State University Northridge (CSUN). Since joining Jobe, Clara has earned straight A's each semester while holding multiple positions of leadership within her sorority. She has attended multiple conferences centered around personal and professional development. Clara is even on track to graduate with honors this coming May with a bachelor's degree in Child Development. Being that she is a first-generation college

student, this will be a huge accomplishment. Having achieved academic success, Clara now wants to continue her education. She is currently applying for graduate school to pursue a master's degree in Student Affairs.

"I've had a difficult academic journey navigating through college as a first-generation student. When I transferred to CSUN, I experienced heavy burnout and stress due to personal and family issues. Being a part of JOBE has brought me a sense of relief and stability. After years of navigating through my college journey alone, I now have a support system that can provide me with the resources I need and an ear to listen. Through their support, I've continued to be a straight-A student as I continue to improve my mental well-being. I'll be graduating from CSUN with a 3.9 GPA, the highest GPA I've had throughout all my years in school. I'm grateful JOBE has given me a chance to finish strong for my last years of college."

-Clara, Jobe Resident (2022-Present)



Erick's Story

Erick joined the program in Spring 2021 as a sophomore at CSUN. Shortly after joining the program, Erick switched his major from Kinesiology to Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation Management. With stability and support from Jobe, Erick was able to intern at Los Angeles International Airport, where he gained valuable work experience and added to his professional network. With his newfound passion for the tourism industry and his academic achievements, Erick is now interested in attending graduate school to further his education and make himself a more marketable

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candidate for his future endeavors. He will graduate with a bachelor's degree from CSUN this May and would like to pursue a master's degree in Diverse Community Development Leadership.

"For someone like me, going to college almost seemed unrealistic. And in all honesty, if it weren't for the Jobe program I'm not sure that I would have gotten through this journey as successfully as I have. Being part of the program truly helped me through my academic journey. You can clearly see the impact of this program through my transcripts. Prior to joining I was performing minimally with grades like C's and B's. Every semester since I joined the program, I have managed to make the Dean's List. It's a supportive environment that gives you the tools you need to succeed. They really pushed me to step out of my comfort zone and tap into resources I never knew existed. Now, as a senior, I'm even applying to graduate school! That never would have been on my radar without this program. I'm forever grateful for the impact it's had on my life."

-Erick, Jobe Resident (2021-Present)

Donta's Story

Donta joined the Jobe program in Fall 2023, during his senior year at CSUN. Despite insecure housing, Donta remained committed to his goal of graduating from college with a degree in Entertainment Media Management. Since joining Jobe, Donta has excelled in school and began earning higher grades. He is eager to enhance his skills and develop a professional network by completing internships and earning additional certifications beyond his regular coursework. Donta is on track to graduate this May and has also considered advancing his education by attending graduate school. He would like pursue a master's degree in Entertainment Industry Management.



"Joining JOBE, at first, was an endeavor in which I had no idea what I was getting myself into. The program was highly regarded by a close friend of mine so I took their word and here we are! Four months later, and I have seen a complete 180 in my grades and an upward trajectory in my professional career. I am now working my second internship/professional development job in digital marketing and went from a 2.6 GPA last year at CSUN to a 3.6 this previous fall semester. Jobe has been a beacon of hope in my life that has allowed me to secure professional and academic development and growth that I hope to leverage into a high-paying job when I transition out of the program."

-Donta, Jobe Resident (2023-Present)

The stories of Clara, Erick, and Donta are just a few examples of the many individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Jobe program. Each of them have overcome unique challenges and are striving to fulfill their potential. When perseverance, ambition, and determination are combined with stability, support, and guidance, success is inevitable.

Success Stories



Christian in front of his new work truck

When Creativity & Resourcefulness Turns Into Extra Income

Christian is a sophomore at Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC) majoring in Urban Planning. Inspired by online videos, Christian started a side business of collecting and repurposing scrap metal. He purchased a pickup truck with his savings from working at a local restaurant, which he now uses to transport the scrap metal. Not only is this a great way to earn extra income, but it is also environmentally friendly. Christian is currently pursuing a certification in Welding and is set to graduate from LAPC this Spring. He plans to transfer to CSUN in the Fall to complete his bachelor's degree.

Our Mission

The mission of Jobe Transitional Living Program is to create a trauma informed, culturally aware, and safe environment for our Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)/homeless youth to utilize their individual strengths to end the cycle of poverty and become pillars of the community.

Program Updates



Jobe Residents with the Sisters of Sacred Heart at their ranch in Chatsworth, CA.

Jobe Gives Back to the Community

Residents and staff of Jobe recently teamed up to contribute their time and effort to beautify the Sisters of Sacred Heart Ranch during the annual community service day. From landscaping tasks to reorganizing, each volunteer played a crucial role in revitalizing the ranch. This collaborative effort not only demonstrated the residents' dedication to giving back but also showcased the strong sense of unity and purpose promoted by the Jobe program. The joy of volunteering reinforces the belief that community service goes hand in hand with personal growth. Through community service, residents are encouraged to develop social skills and work as part of a team, which will prove useful in their future endeavors.

Get Involved

Consider donating monetary gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, new or gently-used clothing, and more!

Check out our website to explore the different ways you can get involved:

www.jobetlp.org/donate

Memories from the 2023 Holiday Season



Jobe residents, staff, and friends celebrating Thanksgiving



A delicious gingerbread cake made by Resident Maya for Christmas



Jobe residents at the annual Christmas party