

JOBE Transitional Living Program

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Winter 2020-2021 Newsletter

JOBE Welcomes in the New Year!



JOBE RESIDENTS. *Front Row (left to right): Tony, Emmanuel, Kevin. Second Row (left to right): Matthew, Edwin, Elmer, Kamau, Aaron, Darryl, Destiny, Karla, Xina.*

The challenges of 2020 did not stop the bright, ambitious, and resilient lives at JOBE Transitional Living Program from achieving their goals and reaching the program's benchmarks. There were two college graduates, several newly licensed drivers, residents who earned valuable work experience, and more! No matter how big or small the goal, each and every resident at JOBE accomplished something important in 2020 that will advance them closer to their dreams. JOBE is dedicated to supporting its residents through their journey towards independence. In addition to stable housing, JOBE provides residents with a family-like environment, employment preparedness, life skills classes, education assistance, driver training, birthday and holiday celebrations, budgeting skills, and more. The goal of JOBE is for every resident to successfully transition out of the program and be in a much better place than when they entered. The New Year provides everyone with an opportunity for self-improvement, new experiences, and the ability to strive for success. Everyone at JOBE wishes a happy and healthy New Year to all!

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.

Message from the Director

Thank you for making 2020 yet another remarkable year at JOBE Transitional Living Program. Though 2020 was a challenging year with the pandemic, lockdowns, and virtual learning, JOBE residents showed exemplary character and never gave up by believing that they too can have a better future and be successful. Every resident at JOBE has obtained a valid California driver license, all residents advanced in their education and JOBE will have two more college graduates in May 2021. During 2020, JOBE was also able to increase its social media presence and attract more benefactors. JOBE's continued success has been accomplished through the highly-trained and dedicated staff. The staff is the strength of JOBE and they are dedicated to the continued success of the residents. JOBE's staff attends monthly trainings in person and virtually to be better prepared to assist the needs of the residents. JOBE provides each and every one of its residents the opportunity to end the cycle of poverty. JOBE continues to comply with all CDC requirements. Hopefully, we will be able to have an open house and fundraiser in Fall 2021. We look forward to the time when it is safe enough for our benefactors and supporters to visit the program and meet our wonderful residents and staff in person.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Resident Success Stories

Success can be defined in many ways. In this issue, the residents who have become newly licensed drivers will be celebrated. Currently, one hundred percent of JOBE residents have a valid driver's license. Obtaining a driver license is a major benchmark of the program and a huge step towards independence. All residents are provided with driver training prior to taking their behind-the-wheel exam to ensure that they are safe drivers.



Elmer (pictured above) obtained his driver license in November 2020.



Matthew (pictured above) obtained his driver license in November 2020. (Continued on Page 3)



Community Service

Giving back to others in the form of community service is a great way to develop a sense of purpose. JOBE residents volunteer once a year at the Sisters of Scared Heart Ranch in Chatsworth. Residents spend an entire morning and afternoon assisting the Sisters by beautifying their ranch. Engaging in community service provides JOBE residents with an opportunity to improve their local community, connect with others, learn new skills, and provide a service to those who need help the most.



Veterans Day

JOBE residents and staff celebrated Veterans Day by enjoying an outdoor brunch at El Torito. The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious. Thank you to all the military heroes who are dedicated to keeping the country safe.

Recent Birthdays at JOBE



Destiny (pictured above) celebrating her 22nd birthday.



Xina (pictured above) celebrating her 20th birthday.

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Resident Success Stories

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Karla (pictured above) obtained her driver license in December 2020.



CPR & First Aid Certifications

All staff and residents are certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR through the American Red Cross. Current residents, **Matthew** and **Kamau** (pictured above from left to right), attended the most recent class in October 2020. Classes take place at the JOBE House and everyone is required to renew their certifications every two years. Not only is this a useful life skill, it is also a great addition to the residents' resumes.

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Edwin (pictured above) celebrating his 22nd birthday.



Cooking with Chiara

Friend to the program, **Chiara Vergati** (pictured above with current resident **Aaron**), shared her passion for cooking with JOBE residents during a November Life Skills Class. Residents learned how to make a vegetarian-friendly meal which included butternut squash risotto, an autumn-themed salad, and a cheese platter. Special thanks to **Chiara** for teaching everyone how to make a beautifully, delicious meal on a budget.

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Instagram: [@jobetlp](https://www.instagram.com/jobetlp)

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Life Skills in Action

Car maintenance is an important life skill that all car owners should know. In fact, Car Maintenance was one of the topics discussed in a November Life Skills Class. Residents **Aaron**, **Darryl**, and **Xina** (picture above from left to right) were caught doing some car maintenance together. **Xina**, who recently obtained a license and car a few months prior, stopped by the JOBE House to get some help with her car. **Xina** needed an oil change and **Aaron** and **Darryl** were kind enough to help. It is so nice to see residents become friends, share their skills and talents, and offer to help one another when they are in need.



Cheers to the Holidays!

The holidays are always a delightful time at JOBE Transitional Living Program. Due to the pandemic, however, some adjustments were made to protect the health and safety of the residents and staff of JOBE. Typically, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the biggest celebrations of the year. Former residents, board members, family members, friends, benefactors, neighbors, and program supporters are usually invited to join in the magic of the holidays. The 2020 Holiday Season was celebrated in a more intimate way with only residents and staff, but still involved a lot of love, laughter, and, of course, tamales.