



2020 IMPACT REPORT



Thank you!

Our mission is to support Alameda County's current and former foster and probation youth to make successful transitions to adulthood and living independently.

Because of you, **623 local youth** received support this year to meet their basic needs and stay on track with their dreams.



114 youth and children housed

81% of residents working or in school



277 youth received education support

\$60,600 education funds awarded



406 youth prepared for life after foster care

129 life skills workshops and events



\$76,240 COVID emergency funds distributed

For financials and more about our programs, please visit www.beyondemancipation.org.

You give hope.

Dear Friends,

It's been a tough year for all of us. We've lost jobs and homes, loved ones, and at times hope.

We've experienced how much is really out of our control. But even with everything going on in the world, you still reached out your hand and helped our youth.

Thank you for helping young people through these dark times.



Your commitment gives us hope for a brighter future. You inspire us.

As a former foster youth, I know how hard it is for our young people to achieve. I also know how essential you are to their success. I am where I am today because of countless supporters like you.

Through thick and thin, you have supported our youth. You have helped them survive hardships, become stronger, and reach their potential. With your support, next year we will:

- Help more local high school students, who lost support due to budget cuts
- Provide housing for more youth, who continue to lack this basic need
- Bring mental health services to more young people, who need help healing from past traumas

For 25 years, you have helped youth create bright futures for themselves and our community.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our young people. You light the path before us.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanetta Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Vanetta Johnson
Executive Director

You gave Danika safety.

BEFORE B:E

Danika was pregnant. She and her two sons were living in an unsafe and abusive home.

THANKS TO YOU

Danika and her children have a safe and stable home. With your support, Danika also just graduated from college – the first person in her family to do so! Danika wants to give back and become a social worker.

Danika wants to help young people who need someone – just like you were there to help her when she needed it most.

“Every day I’m grateful for B:E.”



You gave Johnny a home.



BEFORE B:E

Johnny lived in a foster care group facility that didn't provide the support he needed to thrive.

THANKS TO YOU

Johnny is thriving in one of B:E's community homes. He helps lead cooking classes with his roommates, studies at Merritt College, and is working towards his goal of creating a local youth club.

Growing up in Oakland, Johnny remembers that gangs and violence were a distraction for many of his peers. There weren't many safe and fun places for young people to go. With your support, Johnny is becoming a leader in our community.

"I want to create a place for youth."

You gave Roberta a bright future.



BEFORE B:E

At 20 years old, Roberta has spent half of her life in the foster care system. While she has always excelled at school, Roberta did not have the means to go to college on her own.

THANKS TO YOU

Roberta will graduate from community college next semester! Because of you, Roberta was able to apply for college, receive financial aid, and pursue her education. While Roberta has felt overwhelmed during the pandemic, you and her circle of support have given her strength. Roberta is on the dean's list, planning her transfer to a four-year university, and building her bright future.

“I’m grateful for my circle of support.”

You gave Joseph direction.

BEFORE B:E

Joseph entered the foster care system at age 4. Since he was a teen, Joseph has been in a cycle – from the streets, to jail and back again.

THANKS TO YOU

Joseph is studying at college and wants to major in law and become an advocate for foster youth.

Joseph recently shared his story with a national news outlet. He is passionate about helping youth like him. Because of you, foster youth have a voice in Joseph.



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“B:E has been my super star advocate.”



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HEAR FROM YOUTH ABOUT HOW YOU
HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES!

MARIA: A FUTURE ON HOLD

Last year, Maria celebrated her high school graduation with her adopted family. This year, COVID forced Maria to withdraw from classes to help her family make ends meet. Maria and hundreds of young people in our community need help to get back on track and achieve their dreams.



You can help today – give online at beyondemancipation.org/donate