



2021 IMPACT REPORT



B:E's mission is to support young people as they imagine and create their own life beyond foster care.

Thanks to you, **507** youth
received help last year.

75%
identify as young people of color

67%
live in Alameda County

Your generosity helped Keyarah celebrate her 19th birthday in the midst of the pandemic.

Cover photo: With your support, Kijana and Caitlyn have a safe and happy place to call home.



Thank you for going above & beyond to support foster youth!

You helped young people make it through a tough year.



56 youth and **30** children housed

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86% remained stably housed
after B:E housing



347 youth prepared for life after
foster care through **128** workshops
and events



273 youth received education
and employment support

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32 students graduated



74,912 minutes of 1:1 coaching

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

You keep me positive.

Dear Friend,

On tough days when I need inspiration, I don't have to look far. You and your dedication to youth keep me positive about the future. **Thank you for going above & beyond to help young people!**

During another challenging year, you made sure that youth had someone to turn to. And though the pandemic has fatigued us all, you stayed strong for young people.

With your support, youth like Jessica and Aaron are building their futures with fierce determination. And as they do, they know that you and I are here for them.

Your help is making all the difference. Back when I was growing up in foster care, I saw a lot of kids struggle to find their footing as adults. These days, it's even harder. But because of you, young people today have more opportunities than I did.

With your support, next year youth will:

- Lead B:E's first Youth Council, to become peer mentors and advocate for change in foster care
- Build job skills in our expanded employment program
- Beat the odds by progressing through college and other programs that fit their goals

Your love is creating a village of support. I can't thank you enough for responding to the COVID crisis with your unshakable commitment and compassion.

Many things are beyond our control, but when you believe in foster youth, you make amazing things possible.

With gratitude,



Vanetta Johnson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



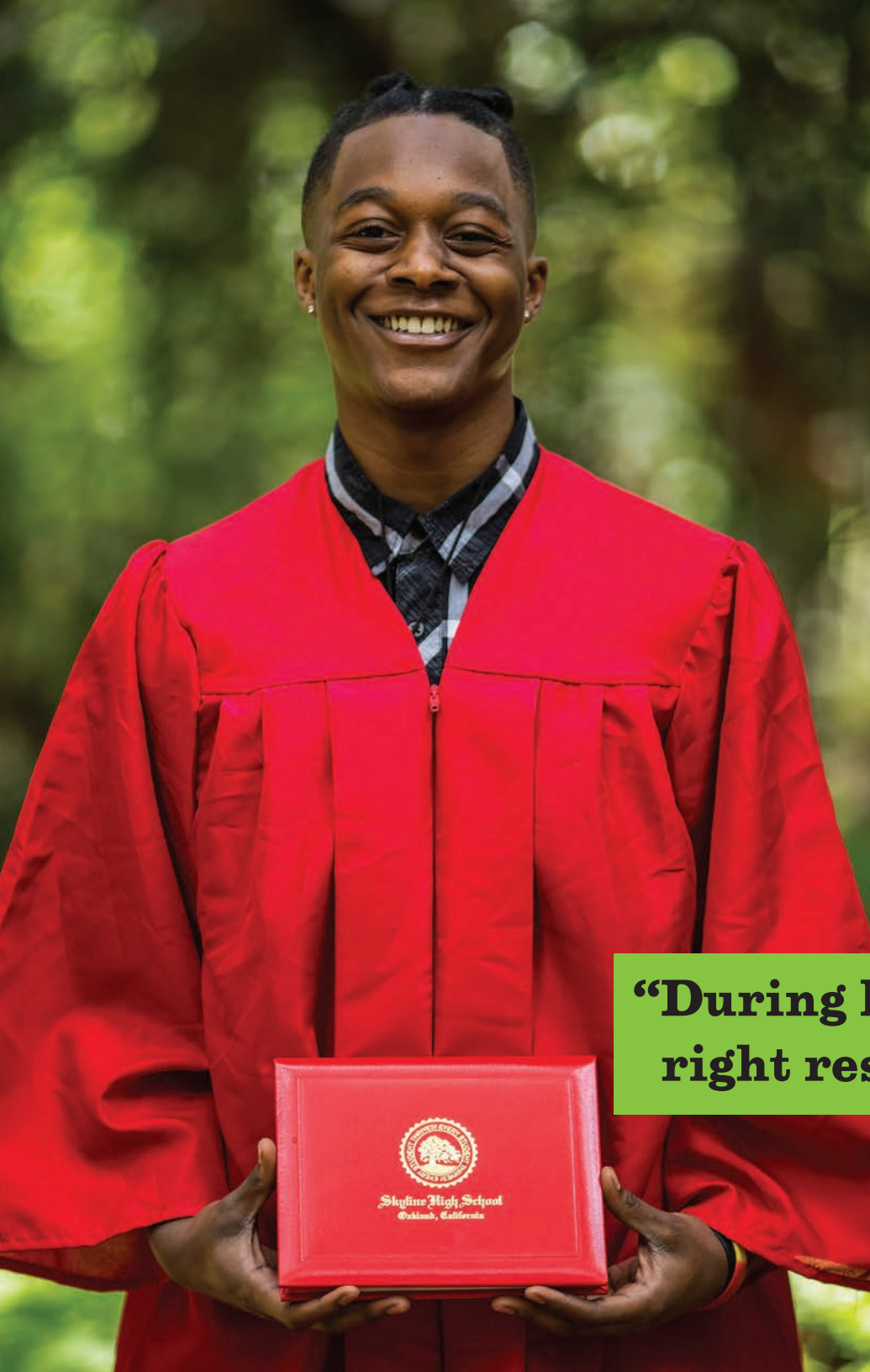
You helped Jessica dream big.

When the pandemic hit, Jessica's abusive home environment only got worse. She spent part of her senior year of high school living at a homeless shelter.

With your support, despite being homeless, Jessica didn't lose heart. Not only did she work hard and graduate from high school, but she also earned a full scholarship to UCLA! She's off to college in the fall to pursue a career helping children.

“If it wasn't for B:E, I don't know where I'd be.”





You helped Aaron stay on track.

Last year, Aaron celebrated his high school graduation but struggled with his first year of college. The virtual classes were a hard adjustment. Aaron loves being around people, and felt lonely and isolated. So he reached out to B:E for a tutor and for friendship.

With your support, Aaron stayed in school and on track with his goals. He is studying communications and is thrilled to be back to in-person classes.

“During hard times, B:E gave me the right resources and someone to talk to.”

You helped Reese create her future.

Last year, Reese planned to go to college out of state, but when the pandemic hit, she had to shift gears. She needed a place to live and help to create a plan B.

With your support, Reese got a job and a place of her own. And with you rooting for her, Reese will earn her AA this fall and plans to transfer to a university next year, on her way to becoming a lawyer.

“My B:E coaches are more than great to me, and I’m so thankful.”





You can help Jamil shine.

Jamil entered foster care when he was only 8 years old. Growing up he was shuffled between foster homes and schools all across the Bay Area — never feeling at home. Now, at 18, Jamil is really serious about school and just started his first year of college.

But Jamil has the deck stacked against him. If he can't make rent or can't pay for textbooks, he doesn't have a family to turn to. It's terrible to have to choose between school expenses, or money for groceries, or becoming homeless. This is a big reason why so many foster kids don't make it through college.

Only 9% of foster youth enroll in college — almost half drop out.*

Can you help Jamil beat the odds?

*Source: Foster Youth Transitions Study, CCSR & IEBC



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☒ **YES! I WANT TO GIVE FOSTER YOUTH LIKE JAMIL SOMEONE TO COUNT ON!**

Please use my gift to help youth with their basic needs and support them to stay on track during this tough time.

- ☐ **\$50:** A full week of groceries on a budget — 21 meals!
- ☐ **\$100:** A full week of groceries and a bus pass so students can get to and from school, work, and the grocery store
- ☐ **\$250:** A full week of groceries, a bus pass, cell phone and internet
- ☐ **\$500:** A full week of groceries, a bus pass, cell phone and internet, and college textbooks
- ☐ **\$1,000:** A full week of groceries, a bus pass, cell phone and internet, college textbooks, and rent support

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