





B:E supports young people as they imagine and create their own life **beyond foster care.**



Thank you for stepping up for foster youth during one of the most **critical times in their lives.** You gave young people the support they needed, when they needed it most.



## You helped young people overcome major obstacles!

THERE ARE OVER 40,000 FOSTER YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA ALONE. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THEY'RE UP AGAINST.



**1 out of every 3** foster youth will experience homelessness at some point in their lives.



**40%** of former foster youth struggle to find stable employment after exiting care

**93%** of foster youth want to go to college.

Only **3%** ever earn their degree.



## You helped 534 young people beat the odds!

BECAUSE YOU SHOWED UP:



**Over 300** youth received a helping hand with housing

Youth received nearly **\$95k** in direct housing assistance



**310** youth were supported with their education goals

**64%** of B:E youth who graduated high school went on to college



**“I wish I could tell my 13-year-old self that the world is not as scary as it seems. There are people who care about you and opportunities waiting for you.”**

Behind 18-year-old Cristina’s friendly demeanor lies someone with wisdom far beyond her years.

Cristina grew up in a household where she was abused and neglected. At the young age of 15, Cristina had to make the brave but difficult choice of calling CPS on her own mother.

Thankfully, with you by her side, Cristina was able to find the stability and support she needed to work toward her goals. **Now, with a scholarship from B:E in hand, Cristina has just started her freshman year at UC Santa Cruz!** She hopes to use her education to give the same glimmer of hope to other young people going through tough times.

“I’m really excited to dive into my studies, especially game design” shares Cristina. “Just imagining myself in class, taking notes, and learning more about what I love is thrilling.”

**“It’s hard to have to choose between going hungry and paying the bills. I’m glad I don’t have to worry about that anymore.”**

Derrick’s infectious smile hides one of the most resilient young men you’ll ever meet.

Growing up in foster care, Derrick didn’t have the security many of us take for granted. Instead, Derrick found stability in hanging out at B:E’s office—he’s been coming around for over five years!

Recently, Derrick fell on hard times and found himself with no place to live. He had to pick up night shifts as a security guard, just to have a safe place to be after dark. Times were tough.

But Derrick isn’t the type to give up, and his hard work finally paid off! **With the help of his B:E coach, he signed the lease to his very own apartment!** Now, Derrick’s focused on building his savings, to ensure that his future remains bright.



THANKS TO YOU -

**Last year, B:E distributed over \$32,000 in scholarships to college-aged youth like Cristina!**



THANKS TO YOU -

**Derrick is not alone! 100% of B:E youth who received section 8 vouchers were supported to find permanent housing.**

**A**fter growing up in foster care, Destiny is determined to build a bright future for herself. Her dream is to attend cosmetology school and open her own salon!

**But you and I both know how hard it can be for foster youth to turn their dreams into reality.**



The cost of attending school is high, well beyond what Destiny can afford. She wants to save up, but that would mean choosing between meeting her basic needs in the present or pursuing her dreams for the future.

**Without traditional family support to fall back on, Destiny can't help but wonder if enrolling in school is worth the risk.**

Destiny is not alone; barriers like this keep countless young people from achieving their fullest potential.

**Will you make sure young people like Destiny can meet their basic needs so they can build brighter futures?**

**YES! I want to give life-changing support to foster youth like Destiny:**

- \$50:** A full week of groceries on a budget
- \$100:** A full week of groceries and a tank of gas for getting to and from school and work
- \$250:** A full week of groceries, a tank of gas, and a month of internet and cell service
- \$500:** A full week of groceries, a tank of gas, and textbooks for school
- \$1,000:** A full week of groceries, a tank of gas, textbooks for school, and tuition support

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