



From Juvenile Hall to Home for the Holidays

Following the death of his mother, several years in foster care and two stints in juvenile hall, 17-year-old Ezykel (center, bottom) was given a gift that didn't seem possible: he was adopted. Godwin, a serious yet loving man, formed an unbreakable bond with Ezykel and refused to give up on him, even through trying circumstances. In the Eastlake Delinquency Court, the family became official just nine days before Ezykel's 18th birthday.

The trauma and abandonment children suffer in the foster care system often leads to problem behavior that results in time spent in juvenile hall and onto the probation system - all the more reason these children need and deserve a permanent family. But until recently, that wasn't a possibility.

L.A. has led the way to changing this. Through a county partnership, the Alliance has finalized adoptions for five youth in the probation system. The first of these adoptions (Casey above, left), was the first-ever in the United States! These adoptions are an innovative approach to permanency for our most vulnerable young people. The partners in these adoptions know these kids hold tremendous promise once they are given a support system and a permanent family to help them thrive.

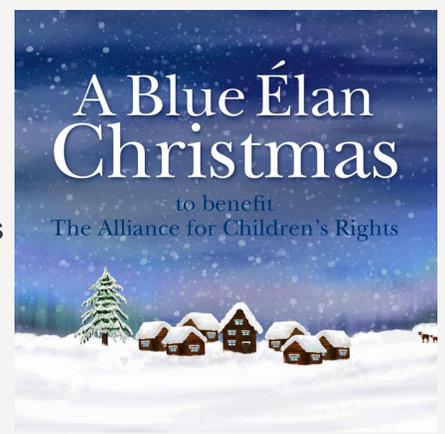
Adoptions like Ezykel's demonstrate the Alliance's life changing impact on individual children's' lives.

This holiday, we hope you'll contribute what you can and be a part of creating change for children. [Read More>](#)

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Holiday Album Benefiting the Alliance

In the spirit of the holiday giving season, Blue Élan Records has released a festive album benefiting the Alliance. A Blue Élan Christmas includes some of your classic holiday favorites and a diverse medley of original songs by artists including Rita Wilson, Jack Tempchin, Janiva Magness, Cindy Alexander and more!



We are so fortunate that Blue Élan and Kirk Pasich (Blue Elan President and longtime Alliance supporter) are committed to making a difference this time of year with 100 percent of the label's profits benefiting our kids! [Purchase Album>](#)

Please share this with your friends and family, bringing holiday cheer while helping children and youth! [Watch this video](#) of Polly Baker's "Light a Candle."

Thanksgiving, NAD & Friends for Families

On November 15, we held our 10th Annual Thanksgiving for Transition-Age Youth with over 50 young people and delicious food donated by our amazing supporter [Heirloom LA](#). Heirloom staff also donated and created beautiful gift baskets for youth to take home. It was a wonderful event held at Community Coalition with a surprise appearance from Congressman Karen Bass! [Read More>](#)

On November 20, we celebrated the adoption of 160 children into forever families. Actress and Alliance of Moms ambassador Jordana Brewster attended as a supporter and LifeLock donated a festive family photo booth. To see the action, watch this [ABC 7 story](#).

On Saturday, December 5, "Friends of the Alliance" hosted another Alliance tradition renamed Friends for Families. Alliance children and teen clients gathered with their families for a morning of merriment and generously donated gifts at Mayer Brown's beautiful offices.



L-R: Vinny D'Averso, Aja, Alexis, Congressman Karen Bass, Stephanie Lopez, Barry and Janis Spire at Thanksgiving



A child adopted at National Adoption Day.



A boy with Santa, who was actually comedian Billy Gardell.

Annual Dinner Just Three Months Away

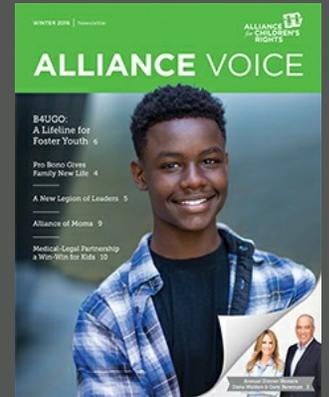
The Alliance's 24th Annual Dinner honoring Fox Television Group chairmen and CEOs Dana Walden and Gary Newman is coming up on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Our biggest event of the year will also recognize Richard Martinez, Superintendent of the Pomona Unified School District. with the Francis M. Wheat Community Service Award. Sponsorships are available now! [Learn More & Tickets>](#)



Winter Newsletter

Want more Alliance news? Check out the Winter 2016 issue of [Alliance Voice](#). It's filled with compelling pieces about our clients, programs and fun photos from our fall events. Learn more about the Alliance of Moms and hear a pro bono victory for our clients.

You'll also read about our Know Before You Go campaign and using technology to reach more foster youth in Los Angeles. [Read More>](#)



Stay involved and help share our work-- join our social media community today!



[Know Before You Go](#), a campaign to help foster youth succeed.



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