



Building Futures in May for Foster Care Awareness Month

May was full of celebration in honor of Foster Care Awareness Month with graduations, job shadowing and skill building events for transition-age foster youth. We shared in the joy as many of our youth graduated from high school, college and graduate school (that's right, graduate school!).

For foster youth entering the workforce, we hosted two weeks of job shadowing where young men and women met with professionals at ICM Partners, GrammyU, SpaceX, the Redondo Beach Fire Department, Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' office and medical staff at the LAC + USC Medical Center. Youth discovered new careers paths, met empowering mentors and set goals for the future. Thank you to our partners and our youth who are bringing their dreams to life! One youth said, "This event re-inspired me to pursue my dreams." [Read More>](#)

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You too can make a difference in the life of a foster youth.

the RIGHT to LAUGH Does Right by Kids

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 5th Annual [the RIGHT to LAUGH](#) comedy event presented by SOLOW. Thank you to Ray Romano, Brad Garrett, Bill Bellamy, Rob Riggle, David Koechner, Cameron Esposito and host J.B. Smoove, who filled the Avalon Hollywood with laughter and helped us raise a record-breaking \$340,000. In addition to all of the charitable individuals, sponsors and ticket buyers, we were humbled by the generous guests who participated in our [FOREVER hoodie](#) auction. Thank you to our event co-chairs, committee members, sponsors and donors. [Learn More](#) or [See Photos](#)>



Alliance and L.A. Kitchen Partner to Get Transition-Age Youth Jobs

The Alliance is continuously seeking workforce and skill-building opportunities for our transition-age youth. To accomplish this, we recently partnered with [L.A. Kitchen](#), a local nonprofit, for the launch of their first food recovery and culinary job-training pilot program at St. Vincent Meals on Wheels' midtown kitchen. The program focuses on youth aging out of foster care and older adults exiting the prison system, and introduces a culinary arts curriculum that emphasizes locally sourced produce and nutrition education. We are so proud that Manny, one of our foster youth, left in photo, was accepted into the program that started June 4, 2014.



Call to Action: Ensure Foster Children Living with Relatives are Supported

The California State Assembly voted to include funding in their budget to support all foster children placed with relatives. Although this was a huge victory for the Alliance and our [Step Up Coalition](#) partners, the Senate did not make the same recommendation. The budget proposal is now pending before the Conference Committee, which is responsible for reconciling the differences between the two houses. We need your help to ensure the proposal passes through the Conference Committee. **Please reach out to the Conference Committee members this week in support of equity for foster children living with relatives.** [Take Action](#)>



Mark Your Calendar



**16th Annual
Tennis for Tots**
September 20, 2014

Join us at the Los Angeles Tennis Club for the 16th Annual Tennis for Tots event hosted by Board Member Mitch Kaplan and the Kaplan Stahler Agency. Even if you're not the champ of the round robin doubles tournament, you can still enjoy some delicious barbecue and fun. Join City National Bank in becoming a sponsor. [Read More>](#)

**11th Annual
"All-In" for Kids
Celebrity Poker Tournament**



**11th Annual
"All-In" for Kids Poker Tournament**
October 19, 2014

Meet us at Commerce Casino for the 11th Annual "All-In" for Kids Celebrity Poker Tournament sponsored by City National Bank. You can give Los Angeles' kids the upper hand while playing poker alongside celebrity participants and bidding on auction prizes. We hope to see you there! [Read More>](#)

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