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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the individuals and families we serve, the employees of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services, and our Board of Directors, thank you for joining us! This evening we will be celebrating our 12th Annual Gala: Fostering Community.

This year's gala theme was chosen to for a dual purpose: as a reminder that the agency exists to serve foster youth and families, and to acknowledge the community that we are a part of and that so generously supports our work. Actually, it is really more than one community: the world of foster care, local businesses, generous foundations, supportive government agencies, and caring residents who donate time as volunteers. It takes a community to raise foster children!

Tonight is a celebration of growth and strength of character. It is a celebration of lives changed, goals set and met, education achieved, skills developed . . . and hearts and minds healed. It is a celebration of each person who has benefited from the care and guidance received at David & Margaret. With us tonight are two of those individuals – a youth transitioning out of foster care and into a bright future, as well as a former Board of Directors president who headed the agency at a pivotal time in its long history. We are thrilled to be able to introduce them to you and know you will find each to be extraordinary.

However, this evening is also our opportunity to celebrate you, to get to know you and to thank you for your support of David & Margaret. Tonight provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate both donor and recipient, volunteer and mentor. It is a night to thank the extraordinarily dedicated employees, alumni and alumnae, agency and government partners, and our board of directors for all that they do. Many thanks to those who invested time, talent and resources to make this evening possible!

We look forward to your continued support of and partnership with David & Margaret as it helps youth, families, and by extension, our communities grow and thrive!

Enjoy your evening,

The 2019 Gala Committee


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This provides stability and greatly assists with resource planning. Recurring donations are set up automatically and make for a simple and efficient way to support the youth served by David & Margaret.



Annual Gala

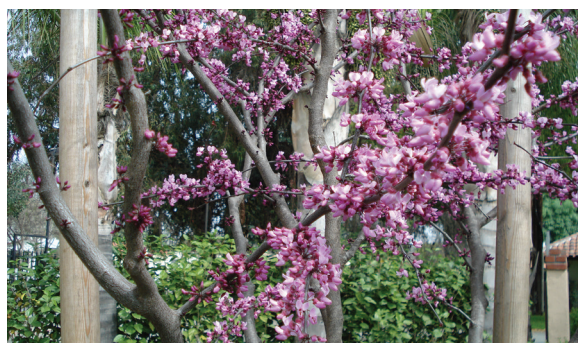
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Planned Giving

A legacy gift can help provide David & Margaret with stable and lasting support that will continue to improve the lives of youth in our communities. There are many ways to make a legacy gift, such as bequests, wills, and trusts; retirement plans and life insurance policies; and gifts of stocks, bonds, and other securities.

Hope Garden

Leave your legacy and support David & Margaret's Hope Garden with a personalized engraved brick, tile, bench, or recognition on our donor wall. The Hope Garden offers a place for reflection, meditation, and prayer.



Wish Lists

Especially around the holidays – but throughout the year - the youth in many of our programs have specific needs and wishes for in-kind donations. Please visit our website at www.DavidandMargaret.org/Support/Giving for more information.

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Questions? Contact Chief Community Engagement Officer Maggie Bohlman at BohlmanM@DavidandMargaret.org or (909) 596-5921, ext. 3246.

MISSION

David & Margaret Youth and Family Services empowers children, youth, and families through culturally diverse services that foster emotional, educational, spiritual, and identity development.

HISTORY



In 1910, David & Margaret Youth and Family Services was established as an orphanage for children ages 2-12 as the David & Margaret Home for Children. First National Bank President Henry Kuns donated the La Verne Hotel and 17.5 acres of land to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His conditions were that his donation would be used for the benefit of children and that the orphanage would be named in honor of his parents. In 2007, the agency was renamed David & Margaret Youth and Family Services to reflect its growing diversity.

Today, we serve more than 1,200 clients annually through a comprehensive range of programs. In 2015, the Cedar Springs Apartment complex opened on the agency's south campus to provide increased housing and supportive services for youth transitioning out of foster care. In 2017, the Youth Workforce Training Center opened, featuring a store and café that are open to the public, to give transitional age youth valuable work guidance and experience.



COMMUNITY

David & Margaret Youth and Family Services has been part of La Verne for 109 years. Throughout the years David & Margaret has grown and changed to meet the needs of our community. Today, the services provided to at-risk families and youth/young adults transitioning out of foster care and into independence create a stronger, more vibrant community by lowering their risk of homelessness, under-education, and under-employment.



THE BIG PICTURE:

Foster Care and Adoption Services



David & Margaret Foster Care and Adoption Services works in collaboration with Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties to place children awaiting homes. During 2018, 59 foster children were placed in loving certified homes. In addition, 7 children found their forever homes through adoption.

Joan Macy School



This is a specialized, non-public school for at-risk students grades 1-12, who are placed with us by their local school districts. During the past year, 58 students stabilized their education at Joan Macy School.

Learning Enhancement Center

The Center has helped hundreds of children and adults turn their learning disabilities into abilities by training the brain to accurately and effectively take in information, process it, and respond appropriately. In 2018, 29 individuals turned their challenges into abilities here.

Residential Services

These programs serve youth ages 8 to 18 who are referred by county Departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health, and Probation, as well as foreign-born children and youth in our New Beginnings program who are awaiting sponsorship. Residents live in home-like cottages with round-the-clock, trauma-informed, therapeutic care provided by case workers, who provide the support they need to rebuild the resiliency to rejoin their families and communities. In the past 12 months, 425 youth and young adults found stability in our residential programs.

PROGRAMS AT DAVID & MARGARET

Mental Health Services

Outpatient Mental Health Program offers mental health services for Medi-Cal eligible youth, ages 3 to 21: Last year, 112 individuals received services; including those who also participated in family therapy, this number increased to 301.

Transitional Living Programs



We are one of the leading regional providers of services and programs for youth who are transitioning out of foster care and into independent living – last year, 242 at-risk youth were provided transitional shelter care. Some of the services provided include case management; life skills workshops, such as money management, cooking and more; social events; vocational training; and individual mental health services. When they left the program, 47 percent of last year's attendees obtained full-time work, 28 percent had part-time work, and nearly half were in post-secondary school.

COMPASS Point Drop-In Center

In early 2020, we will open our newest program for transitional age youth. Please see page 8 for more details on this exciting new addition to our services!

Youth Workforce Training Program



This program is one of few programs of its type in California. Its customized approach allows for each individual to gain the skills they need to be life ready, workforce ready, and in some cases ready to progress into an educational setting. It develops skills that prepare young people for self-sufficiency and successful transition into adulthood.



COMPASS POINT PROGRAMS



For the past four years, I've been manager of David & Margaret's Transitional Housing Programs for youth aging out of foster care. It is now my privilege to be the first director of David & Margaret's COMPASS Programs, a new division focusing on the needs of transitional age youth. COMPASS stands for Creating Opportunities and Making Personal Advancements to Self Sufficiency.

Since opening our Cedar Springs permanent supportive housing apartments in 2016, we learned that the services we provide are a good start, but we must do more. The COMPASS Programs are part of that vision. I'm extremely excited to share that one particular aspect of that, the long-anticipated COMPASS Point drop-in center, has been funded by a generous grant from the Margie & Robert E. Petersen Foundation and will open in early 2020 to serve youth aging out of foster care in many ways.

Like other young adults, they are not quite ready to be out on their own, but unlike other young adults they face numerous other challenges such as:

- *Nearly half of foster youth have learning disabilities or delays.*
- *Only 58% of young people in foster care graduate from high school.*
- *Foster youth do not have the guidance of a family to help them navigate the road to adulthood and career.*
- *Almost 50% of young women in foster care in California will have been pregnant at least once by age 19*
- *Half of youth who have aged out of foster care end up homeless or incarcerated.*

Youth who use the drop-in center will have access to healthy meals and snacks, activities and special events, support services, and linkages to David & Margaret's College and Career Program, as well as connections to community services. The center will include offices, restrooms, a kitchen, dining area, laundry, showers, rest area, recreation room, a quiet room/study area and library/computer room, and a conference room.

This evening, you'll learn more about the COMPASS Point Programs. I hope you'll join me in helping to make them a much-needed, vital resource for these vulnerable youth in our communities, with your generous support of our Fund A Need activities.

Best regards,

Marissa Scholefield

THE HENRY KUNS AWARD AND GRATITUDE AWARD

Henry Kuns Award

The Henry Kuns Award is named after the founder of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services. The Henry Kuns Award recognizes a youth aging out of foster care for their accomplishments on the path to independent living.



HENRY KUNS AWARD RECIPIENT – JOEL RAMIREZ

Joel, 20 years old, has been in foster care for over half of his life. He has lived in eight group homes and with three different foster families. Foster youth like Joel who age out of foster care without a forever family have a 50% likelihood that they will experience homelessness and/or incarceration. Only 58% will graduate from high school, and only 3% of foster youth go on to graduate from college.

Joel, however, is not a statistic, and he has plans for his future. He was a participant in the Transitional Housing Program Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) program at David & Margaret. While living in the apartment provided for him by THP+FC, he successfully balanced being a full-time student at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) and working a part-time job as a student ambassador at the REACH program at Mt. SAC. As a student ambassador, Joel assists former foster youth with case management services.

While at David & Margaret Joel took advantage of the Youth Workforce Training Program and attended life skills classes, working one-on-one with the employment coach and case manager. Joel earned his associate's degree in 2018 and began classes this past August at Cal Poly Pomona, where he's working on a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Gratitude Award

The Gratitude Award honors a foster parent, donor, volunteer, or other supporter of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the agency and the youth and families served.



GRATITUDE AWARD RECIPIENT – CINDY WALKENBACH, PAST PRESIDENT, DAVID & MARGARET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cindy's introduction to David & Margaret was in the early 1980s when she as a teacher in the Bonita Unified School District (BUSD). Some David & Margaret residents were enrolled in BUSD's Work Experience Education program, and she realized the special challenges many of these students had in finding and keeping jobs without the benefit of the family support that most students received. Later, as an administrator in BUSD, she created a special Regional Occupation Program class for students on our campus, designed to teach youth essential job readiness skills.

In 1998, Cindy was asked to represent BUSD on the David & Margaret Board of Directors, and served for 18 years. At various times she served on the Finance Committee, Audit and Pension Committees, the Board Development Committee, and the Program and Quality Assurance Committee, which she chaired. In 2011, she became the Board president and served for four years.

During her tenure as president, a \$25 million capital campaign was launched to build Cedar Springs, supportive housing apartments for young people who are aging out of the foster care system. As president of the Board, she was actively involved in the initial planning stages of the campaign including building the case for support.

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● 5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. ● Dinner

Program Begins ● 7:30 p.m.

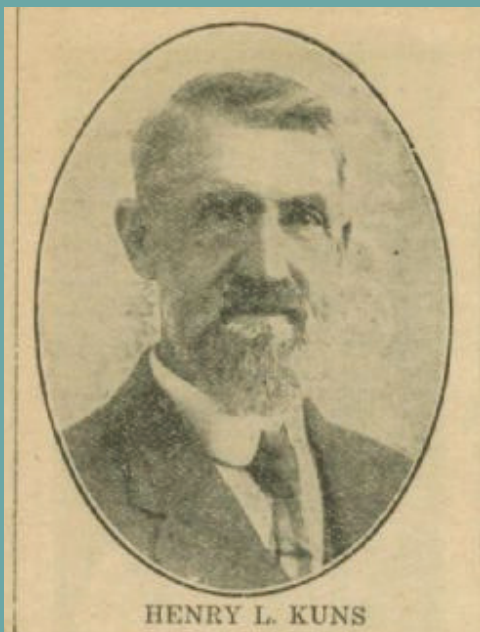
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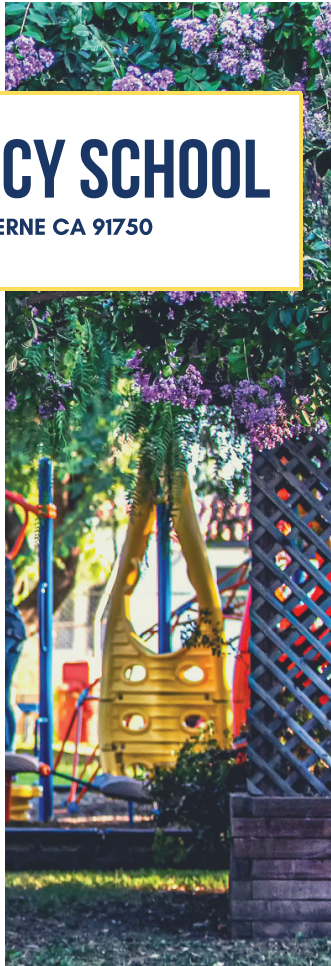
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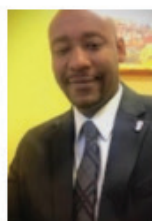
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Dec. 30, 2019

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