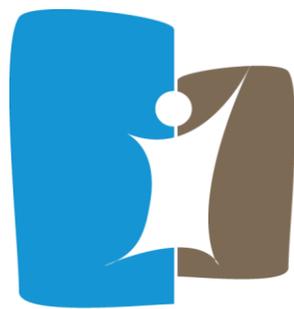


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**2015  
At a  
Glance**



*Bridging the Gap for  
San Francisco Youth  
in Crisis*



**city Youth now**

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**FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY, OUR MISSION HAS REMAINED CONSTANT**—City Youth Now supports youth in San Francisco foster care and juvenile justice systems by providing funds for services and programs that promote stability and personal growth.

City Youth Now, originally founded in 1950 as the Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center, is the first non-profit organization of its kind in the history of the United States' juvenile court system. For over 60 years, City Youth Now has been diligently working behind the scenes to address the unique needs of children and youth under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Juvenile Court System. Probation officers, social workers, attorneys, and others come to us daily with requests for youth under their supervision. These requests are for many different opportunities and are based upon the individual needs of the youth in the system. City Youth Now works to ensure that youth in the juvenile court system have the same positive youth development opportunities as other children to grow into mature and successful adults. We recognize that all children deserve a chance for a better future. In the life of a child, it is often the small things, beyond the basic necessities, that are monumental to growth and development and pave the way for youth to transition into successful adults.

### **CITY YOUTH NOW BRIDGES THE GAP FOR SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH IN CRISIS.**

The realities youth in the system face intensify every decade. All of the youth we serve come from low-income families, often with histories of child abuse and neglect, gun violence, incarceration, and/or substance abuse. They range in age from newborn to 18 years old, sometimes older for those youth who have recently emancipated from foster care. While they come from different neighborhoods in San Francisco, they have in common that they have each endured more than their share of trauma and hardship. Our hope is that by providing them with new opportunities and enriched experiences, they will have a better chance of breaking out of the cycle of crime and violence that entraps so many of their peers and adult community members.





Dear Friends,

City Youth Now is committed to helping youth in the juvenile justice and foster care systems achieve their goals and become healthy, contributing members of society. Founded in 1950, we were the first non-profit organization of its kind in the history of the United States' juvenile court system. With the generous support of individual donors and foundation grants, we have been able to provide well over a thousand youth each year with access to critical needs and personal services, including college scholarships, academic tutoring and vocational training stipends.

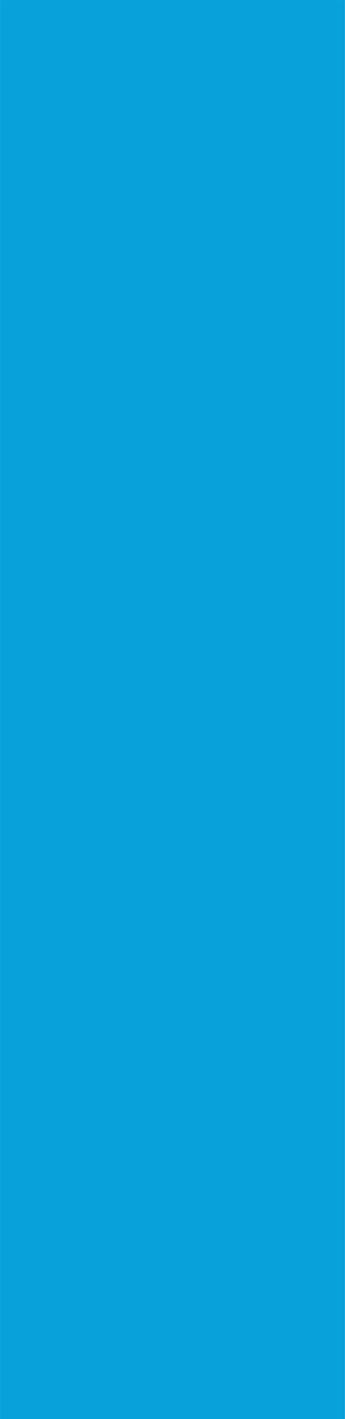
In recent years, San Francisco has made great progress in reducing the number of children in juvenile detention and foster care. However, as for all of us in the Bay Area, the cost per child for basic needs like food, housing, clothing, transportation and critical services for healthcare, mental health and substance abuse treatment and social services has risen dramatically. This diminishes the ability for public funds to provide for other necessities like student school supplies, GED exam fees, college application fees, and appropriate work attire.

The young people we serve have experienced multiple adverse experiences throughout their lives. Whether it be overcoming the trauma of being removed from a parent's home at an early age, or daily threats of family and community violence, with the proper resources and guidance, our youth are discovering how to make a better life for themselves. Our success and long term viability as an organization depends on individual donors, corporate sponsors and foundations who invest in the future of San Francisco's youth by supporting us in this work. They need your help now more than ever. Please consider how you can get more involved.

Best,

*Adriene Roche*

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President, Board of Directors



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# Highlights and Financials



## EMPLOYMENT & INDEPENDENT LIVING

92 youth enrolled in our paid internship program  
68 youth received help for independent living



## EDUCATION & LITERACY

4 college-bound youth were awarded academic scholarships  
69 youth received education and literacy support  
450 delinquent youth received special programs at juvenile hall  
6 youth received college support including aid for college textbooks and tuition fees  
10,556 school supplies were donated to foster care children  
300 youth received library and literacy support



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH

22 youth received summer camp scholarships  
11 youth pursued art, music, life skills, and healthier coping mechanisms  
4 youth received medical or dental assistance  
35 youth participated in sports leagues and recreation classes  
72 youth receiving personal development and health support in total



## SOCIAL SERVICES, SAFETY, & CRITICAL NEEDS

71 youth received emergency clothing  
2,400 clothing items were provided to foster care children  
500 children removed from their homes were given backpacks, duffle bags, and school supplies  
Over 2500 holiday gifts were given to youth



## Internship Program

City Youth Now's Internship Program is designed to prepare youth for employment by introducing participants to typical work environments, allowing youth to gain the self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and the interpersonal skills needed to succeed in the long term. The Internship Program is designed with maximum flexibility so that youth and probation officers are able to find appropriate placements. City Youth Now pays interns a limited stipend during their internship with a local business or community organization. The internship is an intensive 3-step program consisting of a total of 110 hours of work experience. At the end of the program, the youth are required to submit a resume, a cover letter, a letter of recommendation from their supervisor, and to participate in a mock interview at our office. City Youth Now is committed to assisting youth in making a successful transition to healthy adulthood and economic independence.

**IN 2015, 92 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED PAID INTERNSHIPS.**



*"I am proud of myself because if I don't know what to do, I don't hesitate to ask." -Aerone*

*"Because of the training I received in this program, I am now better at speaking in public." -Samuel*

*"I like working as a team because it gets the job done and you find out some strengths you have." -Andre*



## Independent Living Skills



City Youth Now provides support for the youth emancipating or aging out from the foster care system in San Francisco. This support includes small deposits on apartments, furniture, kitchen supplies, transportation, support for job training programs, and much more.

**IN 2015, 68 TRANSITIONING TEENS WERE PROVIDED AID SO THAT THEY COULD LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.**

*"I was scared and excited when I turned eighteen. I was happy to finally be on my own, but I was nervous because I had no funds or any kind of support. But my social worker and City Youth Now helped me out and now I have a place to call home."*

*Wilson, Age 19, Former Foster Youth*

## Tutoring, Testing, & Textbooks

CYN provides youth with academic assistance to ensure they graduate from high school or pass the equivalency exam. CYN provides one-on-one tutors for single subjects and GED tutoring. In addition, we fund college tours and provide financial assistance in purchasing textbooks, supplies, and college registration fees.

**IN 2015, 979 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED ACADEMIC SUPPORT INCLUDING TUTORING, TEXTBOOKS, AND TESTING FEES.**



## Special Programs at Juvenile Hall



In partnership with the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center, CYN sponsors programs for incarcerated youth including plays, yoga, food and nutrition courses, dance and movement classes, and visits from Bay Area authors who share inspiring stories.

**IN 2015, 450 DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT YOUTH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT JUVENILE HALL.**

## Graduation Expenses / Recognition

We award up to \$300 per youth per year to support high school seniors in the foster care and juvenile probation systems who have successfully completed the steps to graduate high school. These funds pay for expenses and activities (cap, gown, yearbook, prom, photos, etc.) and for two large group graduation ceremonies and graduation gifts for foster and probation youth.

**IN 2015, 22 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED CAP & GOWN SETS, GRADUATION GIFTS, BACKPACKS, AND ALARM CLOCKS.**



## Library Services



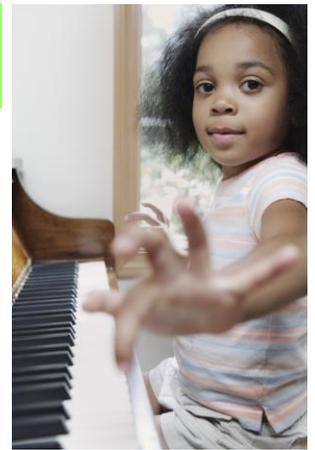
In 1996, City Youth Now partnered with the San Francisco Public Library to bring a library facility to the Juvenile Justice Center. There are now over 4,000 books in the collection and the librarian spends time each week with the youth on the individual units.

**IN 2015, 300 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED LIBRARY SERVICES AND OTHER LITERACY PROGRAMMING.**

## **+ Arts and Music**

City Youth Now funds activities and programs which promote the development of healthier coping mechanisms and particular life skills, as well as nurtures artistic endeavors. Youth are provided opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities such as learning how to sing or play a musical instrument.

**IN 2015, 11 YOUTH PURSUED ART AND MUSIC CLASSES, LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS, AND LEARNED HEALTHIER COPING SKILLS.**



## **+ Recreation Classes and Equipment**



City Youth Now serves youth from lower income families that are particularly susceptible to rising obesity levels. Participation in sports exposes youth to positive adult role models in their coaches and instructors, and fosters a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

**IN 2015, 35 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN SPORTS LEAGUES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL CLASSES.**

## **+ Camperships**

Approximately 2/3 of the youth population served by City Youth Now will become entangled with drugs, teen pregnancy, violence, and drop out of school. Summer camps focus on building self-esteem, social skills, relationships with adult mentors, self-confidence, perseverance, and independence.

**IN 2015, 22 KIDS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP.**



## **+ Medical and Dental Needs**



Children seldom enter foster care with a comprehensive medical history intact. City Youth Now helps with medical and dental expenses that cannot be provided by any other funding source.

**IN 2015, 4 YOUTH RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL, OPTOMETRY OR DENTAL ASSISTANCE.**



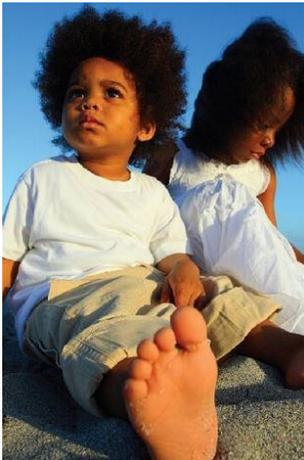
## Project K.E.E.P. – Kids Emergency Essentials Packs

Every year, hundreds of children in San Francisco are removed from their homes due to child abuse or neglect. CYN provides these children with a backpack which includes a blanket, toiletry kit, crayons or colored pencils, notebook, drawing paper, pens, and a stuffed animal which can be a comfort during this frightening time.

**IN 2015, 500 CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES WERE PROVIDED AN EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS KIT.**



## Emergency Clothing



Clothing is not only a necessity for a growing child, but is also tied to issues of self-esteem and self-worth. CYN provides children with emergency clothing when they are removed from their homes. Budget cuts have led to a drastic reduction in stipends. As a result, City Youth Now has stepped in to provide clothing vouchers to youth as they exit the Juvenile Justice Center, change group homes or foster placements, or outgrow their clothing.

**IN 2015, 71 YOUTH WERE PROVIDED WITH CLOTHING VOUCHERS FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS.**



## The Anne Devincenzi Dito Holiday Gift Program



The Holiday Gift Program is City Youth Now's oldest program. Since 1950, we have provided thousands of holiday gifts to abused, neglected, and troubled children in the San Francisco Juvenile Court System.

**IN 2015, over 2500 HOLIDAY GIFTS WERE DELIVERED TO FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.**



## Volunteer Involvement



City Youth Now relies primarily on donations, grants, corporate sponsorships, and other support. These dedicated people make a difference in the lives of San Francisco's neediest children by donating thousands of hours to our programs and services.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for their commitment and ongoing effort to ensure that every child in our community receives services that generates a sense of self-worth and dignity.

## Community Support

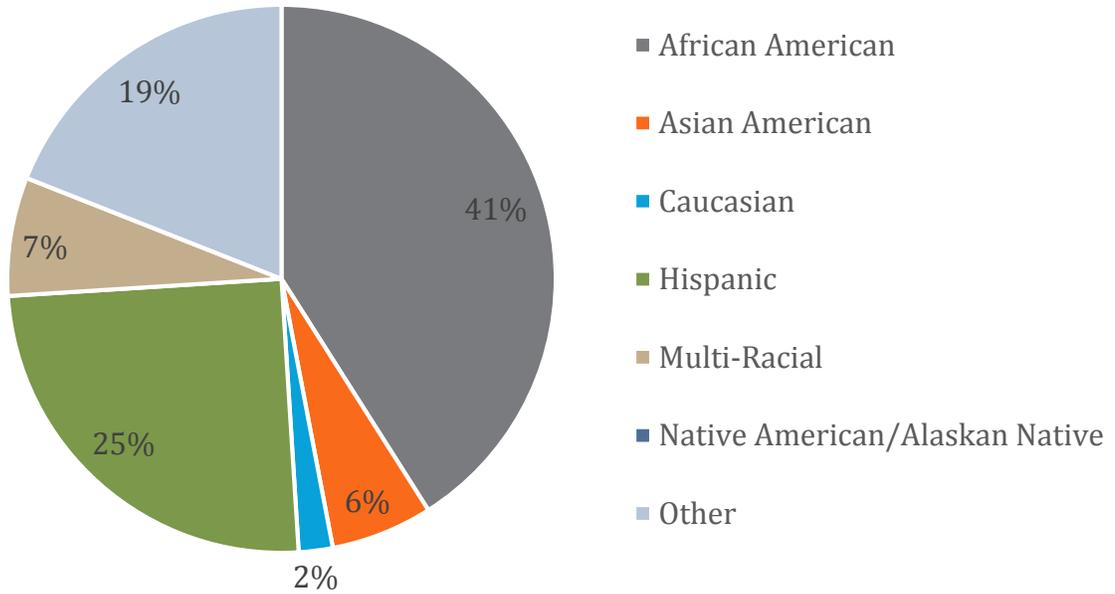


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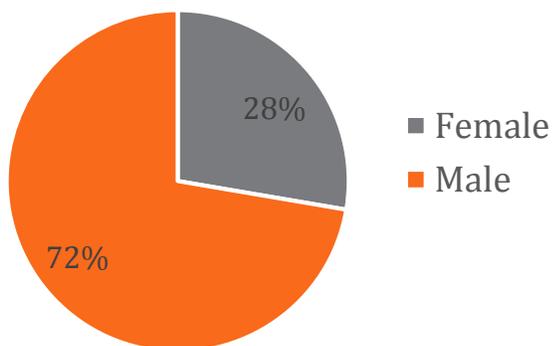
# Demographics

## Who Does City Youth Now Serve?

Ethnicity



Gender



AGE

