

As fall arrives, bringing with it gentle colors and cooler temperatures, City Youth Now embraces this season as an opportunity for growth, comfort, and well-being. While we focus on our future plans, we also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported us in countless ways. We deeply appreciate all who continue to help us thrive!



### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### BACKPACK MARKET RECAP

### GSW GAME WITH JPD

We are honored to uplift and celebrate youth experiencing the foster care system during Hispanic Heritage Month! Thanks to Ticket to Dream, we provided Spanish-titled books and educational materials to the youth and their families, honoring culture, inclusion, and the importance of literacy and learning. Together, we hope to continue to supporting and inspiring the next generation!

In August, we hosted our annual backpack giveaway, helping youth start the school year off right! For two weeks, we welcomed youth and their advocates to receive backpacks filled with school supplies, along with essential items to support their success. This year, we distributed over 270 backpacks! Thank you to everyone who supported us and spread the word, and a special thanks to Ticket to Dream, Simply the Basics, and Project Glimmer for their generous contributions. We truly appreciate your support!

In July, we had the privilege of bringing several youth and their families to the NBA 2024 California Classic Summer League game at the Chase Center! In partnership with the Juvenile Probation Department, this opportunity allowed us to engage the youth in social activities and create a space for them to participate in community events. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the game!

## HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET

It's almost that time of year again! City Youth Now is preparing for our annual Holiday Gift Market! Each year, we provide gifts and essential items at no cost for youth who are currently impacted by the Juvenile Justice and Foster Care System. Please keep an eye out for the dates and times when youth can stop by to pick up gifts, supplies, and essentials for themselves and their families. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Holiday Gift Program through in-kind and monetary donations, as well as volunteer efforts. If you'd like to help support our Holiday Gift Market, feel free to reach out to [info@cityyouthnow.org](mailto:info@cityyouthnow.org)!







## Thank You, Emily!

After three wonderful years, Emily, our Program Coordinator, has decided to move on and pursue her career in the performing arts! Emily has been a steadfast support for the youth in the YPEE Internship Program and our local partner sites. She has provided impactful workshops focused on their professional goals, offered career and educational support, and collaborated with staff and volunteers to ensure our organization's success.

While we will miss her dearly, we are excited for the opportunities that await her on this new journey! If you have any questions about her future plans, or want to wish her the best on her future endeavors, feel free to stop by the office and visit her before she officially transitions out!

## Fall 2024 YPEE Cohort Begins

Our 2024 Fall YPEE Cohort has officially begun! We are thrilled to kick off orientations and place our cohort at local sites around San Francisco. This round, we have onboarded 15 youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. These young individuals will collaborate with City Youth Now and our partner sites, working over 100 hours to gain hands-on job experience and develop professional skills.

A special thank you to all our grantors, particularly the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), for your support of our Youth Partnering in Education and Employment Program (YPEE)! If you'd like to learn more, feel free to contact us at [info@cityyouthnow.org](mailto:info@cityyouthnow.org).



*pictured above: gabby (garfield playground) & jazza'nae (youngblood coleman)*

## CYN Free Store Turns 3!

Happy birthday to our Free Store! What began as a youth-led project has transformed into an invaluable resource for San Francisco youth and the community. Every year, over 100 shoppers visit with their families or advocates to find items that support them on their journeys.

We've been able to keep the Free Store stocked thanks to our generous donors, especially Project Glimmer and Simply the Basics! If you'd like to support the Free Store, please reach out via email or make a purchase from our Amazon Wishlist.

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