



Note from a Friend

I've heard it said that the two best days of school are the first day and the last day. As a mom of a rising college senior and a high school sophomore, I know this to be true. And, from the enthusiasm I've seen around the offices and outings with our Project Hope Alliance youth, I can say the sentiment is widely shared. Here at Project Hope Alliance, with your help, we are bringing the joy of summer and the opportunity it provides for exploration, discovery, and play into the lives of our kids. As a community, we are coming together to ensure that a day in a motel room is replaced by a day at the beach, at camp, or on an adventure. These moments last a lifetime and allow our kids to return to school on that first day (which preparations are well under way over here to make it awesome!) with memories made and stories to share. Thank you for making that possible.

Jennifer Friend
Chief Executive Officer

2025 Anti Gala Recap



Our 11th Annual Anti Gala: Camp Hope brought together many friends of Project Hope Alliance to celebrate our mission and the joy of summer. Together, we raised over \$284,000 to fill gaps and eliminate barriers caused by homelessness in the lives of our kids. We were honored to recognize Steve Murow as our Catalyst of Hope for the love and support he has provided our kids since 2013. **Thank you to our generous sponsors for making Anti Gala: Camp Hope possible, and thank you to our supporters for making the evening magical.**



Did you hear the news?

This spring, **Project Hope Alliance** was awarded a **3-year \$750,000 grant** to build and strengthen our program specifically designed to support youth (ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness journey through the next phase of life after high school. Our program will support youth like John (you can read more about John on the next page) receive the specialized guidance, life skills development, and financial assistance needed to navigate young adulthood. Often the first in their families to graduate high school, let alone attend college, **this grant will unlock the potential of our kids to continue reaching high towards their dreams** despite the hardships they experience due to homelessness.



CASE MANAGER CATHERINE
MEETING WITH A YOUTH



OUR YOUTH, AMY, IS HEADING TO
CAL STATE FULLERTON THIS FALL!

Scan here for a special video
from our CEO!



Advocacy Update



In 2024, Project Hope Alliance was awarded a multi-year grant **to achieve a bold but necessary goal: to help build and improve the system of care for Orange County's 30,000 kids experiencing homelessness.** In partnership with Orange County Department of Education and many education partners, Year 1 (2024-2025) consisted of conducting surveys and focus groups with youth, educators, nonprofit organizations, and parents experiencing homelessness with their children. What we learned in our first year, along with our decade-long work with kids experiencing homelessness, led to 6 distinct recommendations that will drive the next two years of our grant-funded work.



1. Merge Definitions
of Homelessness



2. Standardized, Year-Round
Identification Process



3. Increased On-Site
Capacity



4. Expanded Community
Partnerships



5. Targeted Funding for
Homelessness



6. Youth Voice Integration

Stay tuned
for more
updates!

Driven to Succeed

John's passion for cars began in childhood, sparked by watching his father repair the family vehicle. With money tight, they often had to fix things themselves, and those hands-on experiences inspired John's dream of becoming a mechanic.

Despite his parents' hard work, John's family experienced homelessness, which impacted his education. When his school learned of his situation, a teacher connected him with Project Hope Alliance, where he received the support and resources to stay focused and graduate on time.

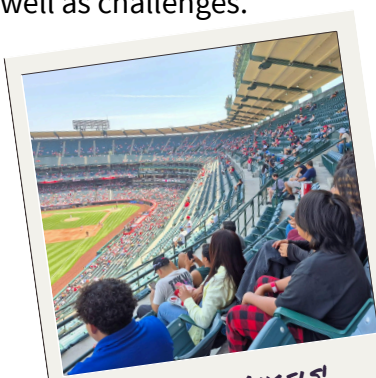
After high school, John set ambitious goals: to become the first in his family to attend college, earn a mechanic certification, and build a stable future. His current case manager, Michael, helped him map out a plan, starting with getting his driver's license. Together, they prepared for his exam, and last week, John passed and received his license!

Today, John is enrolled in an automotive technician program at a local community college and working at a retail store. **He's one step closer to building the life he envisions, one where he can help his community and lift his family out of homelessness.**



Celebrating Milestones #ForTheKids

This spring, we celebrated over 60 youth who promoted to ninth grade and graduated from high school! Just by earning their high school diploma, our kids are 400% less likely to experience homelessness as adults. They are better prepared and more confident for their next journey whether college, trade school, or their careers. We also kicked off our annual Summer for the Kids program to provide joy, new experiences, and summer fun to our kids. We are grateful our kids and parents see us as source of safety, trust, hope, and support during moments of celebration and joy, as well as challenges.



Coming Up- Ways to support our kids!

Help prepare kids experiencing homelessness for the new school year! Donate today



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