



Love, Challenge, Equip

Dear Josita,

It's been an exceptional year. Thus far in 2012, we've extended our reach by establishing partnerships with community colleges on the East and West Coast to impact former foster youth attending their schools who desire guidance relationally, academically and professionally through workshops, as well as, one-to-one sessions. In addition, one of our workshops was selected to be presented at a national communications conference in November. Lastly, our novel, web-based coaching will be launched in the fall and tested by youth on both coasts, including those in our workshops and our former residential program. We look forward to hearing their response!

Coast-to-Coast College Partnerships

National Recognition for JP College Workshop



Jeremiah's Promise has forged partnerships with the College of San Mateo, West Valley College in Saratoga and now Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC. We teamed up to provide a series of workshops and



The National Communication Association, representing 8,000 educators and scholars across the U.S., has accepted one of the JP college workshops for its discussion panel on "Innovative Techniques for

non- minor dependents of foster care who attend classes on these campuses. Starting in September, we kick off the Fall Semester with monthly sessions at CSM and WVC to work with students to address behaviors and belief structures that often prevent these students from succeeding in many areas of their lives. In August 2013, we are slated to begin the series at Greenville Tech through JP-trained volunteers from that area. Additionally, staff will meet regularly with students on campus to assist in building the personal and academic resilience of former foster youth and to provide resources that address urgent, confidential needs. We hope to expand services in the future to many campuses to guide former foster youth in forming strategies and behavior patterns that overcome issues that could have devastating effects on them if left unaddressed.

Training Professionals". The conference, which meets in Orlando, FL starting Nov. 15, 2012 will hear from Dr. Michelle Leavitt, one of the JP facilitators who has been part of the team that developed our workshop material.

Dr. Leavitt, a wife and mother of two, has a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communication from Westmont College, a Master's Degree in Speech Communication at Cal State - East Bay, a Master's Degree in Theology from Fuller Seminary and a Doctoral Degree in Human Communication from the University of Denver. Dr. Leavitt has taught foundational communication courses for more than five years as an adjunct instructor and graduate teaching assistant including group and team effectiveness, oral communication and interpersonal communication. Her experience also includes life skills workshops for Jeremiah's Promise and New Creation Home. At present, she teaches communication workshops to overcome speech anxiety and coaches business professionals with their presentation skills.

The title of the paper she will present is "Cultivating Community and Honoring Diversity: The Self-Concept Collage Exercise." This exercise is designed to help former foster youth better understand how they view themselves. Each student will reflect on the qualities contributing to self concept and how it changes over time and can impact relationships. Each youth will experience building a sense of community by creating and sharing a collage depicting aspects of their self-concepts.



For the past two years, the staff, board and volunteers of Jeremiah's Promise have worked relentlessly to restructure the services of our 10-year-old nonprofit to better meet the complex and challenging needs of former foster youth and non-minor dependents, ages 17 to 24, who often struggle with acceptance, unhealed trauma, destructive relationships, and/or academic and employment challenges. Our aim has been to deliver unique, quality programming that eventually would be sustained primarily through a steady revenue stream that is currently in development. We are a small staff - very small - who have worked diligently to make this happen. It will take time for a consistent revenue stream to catch up to expenditures. That's often the way with groundbreaking change. At the same time, these young adults continue to have basic needs that we have been meeting as much as possible in the areas of clothing, school supplies, and toiletries, etc.



As a result, we still need your help. We ask you to consider a tax-deductible gift in any amount to support our efforts to nurture, challenge, equip and mobilize these young people who are attending college and doing the best they can. It takes everything they have to heal and grow. It takes everything we have to help them. Over the years we have seen them accomplish astonishing transformations. We believe these young adults are an important part of our community, and they often voice their desire to give back by achieving their life goals and then by reaching behind to pull along another youth in the same situation. Now that's something we can get behind!

All our best to you,

Kim Golter

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