

Pathways TO INDEPENDENCE™

Education, Healthcare, Therapy & Mentoring
for Young Women in Need

AUTUMN 2018

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Friends of Pathways raises a record \$700,000 at their 22ND annual event “The Big Easy & All That Jazz in the Park”!

Park Estates was transformed into 1920s New Orleans for the 22nd annual Pathways to Independence fundraiser, complete with hot jazz, swing dancing, swanky and swell auctions, delectable bites, craft beer, fine wine, and a prohibition-era speakeasy. The Alison August Band, The Jazz Angels, Shane Salva, DJ Alex Gonzalas, and Special Delivery Stomp dance group provided a variety of music and fun to keep guests entertained.

The evening featured inspirational stories from Pathways clients and supporters, including Sarah, a recent graduate of CSU Dominguez Hills, who was recognized by Congressman Alan Lowenthal for her many accomplishments. The prestigious Change Maker Award was graciously presented by Sandi Lewis to long-time Pathways supporters Jean and Jerry Green for their incredible dedication and commitment to the Pathways mission.

The fundraiser, presented by Farmers & Merchants Bank and the Friends of Pathways, raised over \$700,000 for Pathways to Independence, providing over half the annual operating budget. “As always, we are overwhelmed with the generosity from everyone who supports Pathways with their time, services and donations to make this event such a success,” said Fund Developer, Lisa Mais. Despite the tremendous kindness of Pathways supporters, donors, sponsors, and volunteers, there is currently a waiting list of over a dozen deserving young women hoping to become part of the Pathways family.

Congratulations to this Year’s Opportunity Drawing Winners!

Grand prize: Carolyn Gaw, \$3,500 Plan your Dream Vacation!

Second prize: Bill Rogers, \$1,000 Terranea Resort Gift Certificate!

Third prize: Irene Weingarten, \$500 Cash

What it's like to be in Pathways

Pathways to Independence is the support system that keeps us on the path to become the **women we are meant to be**. We never thought that an organization existed with a group of people who care so much about us and our well-being.

The **generosity and love** we receive from the moment we're accepted into Pathways is indescribable and life changing. We find a home, a support system, love and a chance to work on ourselves to be our best version. For many of us, a college degree seemed impossible with the challenges we have had to face, but being a client provides us the **opportunity to earn a degree and fulfill our dreams**. It also requires responsibility, accountability and trust. We now understand that the world is full of wonderful people who believe in us – as we learn to believe in ourselves. Because of sponsors, donors, volunteers and providers, we are bestowed with the resources we need to succeed. Pathways is more than an organization – **it is a family**. With the therapy, mentoring, automobile, housing, healthcare and education we so desperately need, we are able to fulfill our dreams of being doctors, artists, lawyers and any career that drives us. But most importantly, being a client, we **learn the true meaning of love and gratitude**. Today we are grateful to be Pathways clients. Despite the hardship we faced to get here, we know that **we belong in this world** and that we too can make a difference, just as Pathways has done for us.

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Since its inception in 1991, over 360 young women have participated in the program. Pathways is appreciative of its personal, corporate and service organization sponsors, as well as the health care providers who donate their services without charge to improve the quality of life of Pathways clients.
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