

The Mission of Pathways to Independence is to transform the lives of disadvantaged single young women through education, therapy, mentoring, housing, and healthcare, to break the cycle of poverty and abuse.

When a new client joins Pathways, she is paired with a mentor who will help guide her through her journey of transformation. An intake meeting acquaints the pair with our program requirements and benefits.

Meet Ashley and her mentor, Donna, both of whom are new to Pathways.

From the client perspective:

Hello. My name is Ashley. To be a part of such a wonderful program is a dream come true for me!

I am truly grateful for the opportunity that Pathways has given me. I am now able to pursue my college degree, a goal I never before considered possible.

To help me achieve this goal, I have been given tools and support, including access to therapy, tutoring, and countless other professional services by volunteers who



Donna Main and Ashley spending some quality time together

donate their time to enable Pathways clients to succeed. I am receiving vital help to deal with my past and to move on in a positive way. I am happily surprised at how much support Pathways clients receive throughout our educational careers.

My daily routine has changed dramatically because, in addition to my part-time job, I now attend college classes. Now that I am a college student, I have a new focus; I am working busily to reach the goals I've set for myself.

All of us at Pathways wish Ashley much success as she embarks on the fulfillment of her dream. Welcome to

your new future.

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Paying It Forward

Pathways clients are encouraged to “pay it forward” as a way to repay the multitude of benefits received during their years spent transforming to beautiful, strong independent women of purpose. Our graduates are making an impact in our community and beyond.

Two of our former clients have been tapped to serve on our 2019 Board of Directors:



TIFFONY JACOBS

“Now that I am an established professional, I want to be a role model and example to the current recipients, demonstrating that they can achieve their goals and become successful after a traumatic upbringing or experience.”

As a high school student, Tiffany co-authored the New York Times best-seller, “The Freedom Writers Diary.” The book was subsequently made into a movie portraying her story of overcoming homelessness and abuse as the character “Brandy.”

A 2006 graduate of CSULB, Tiffany has trained over 600 educators to utilize the “Freedom Writers” tactics in their own classrooms. She now speaks to audiences around the world about the resilience

in humanity, financial literacy, and college planning.

This new board member has not forgotten the pledge she made while in our program, “I always wanted to keep my promise to come back to Pathways to help current recipients.”



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JANICA JESSON

“I am immensely grateful for what Pathways did for me while I was a client, and I am honored and delighted to be a member of the board.”

The eldest of ten children in her family, Janica was an ambitious teenager. She attended Cosmetology School at the age of 16, becoming a licensed hairstylist at just 17 years old. Over time, however, Janica came to realize that career wasn’t an exact fit for her. She could not envision any other vocational options available to her until she discovered Pathways.

With her acceptance into the program, a suppressed dream of higher education surfaced, and Janica embarked on the fulfillment of a lifelong ambition – earning her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management from CSULB in 2017.

Expressing her appreciation, Janica shares, “Thanks to this wonderful program, I not only hold a bachelor’s degree in business, but I am so much happier and healthier as a result of the all-encompassing support the Pathways program provided me.”

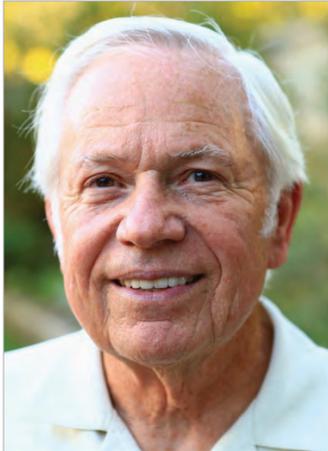


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Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is tasked with guiding our organization as it enhances the lives of Pathways clients through education, healing, and empowerment. Our board is responsible for securing adequate funding, fiscal management, and personnel selection and assessment.

We warmly welcome two highly qualified local business leaders to the 2019 board:



JERRY GREEN

Jerry has been a generous Pathways supporter since 1999. His extensive background in accounting, education, business, and management make him uniquely qualified for his new position on our Board of Directors.

A product of Long Beach schools (elementary through college), Jerry holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from CSULB. While employed as a Certified Public Accountant, he taught classes in both accounting and management at his alma mater. Later he went on to co-found a very successful network of dialysis centers and, following the sale of the business, served on its Board of Directors.

Jerry and his family have been enthusiastic and faithful fundraisers for our organization. Wife Jean and daughter Julie are very active in our fundraising auxiliary, Friends of Pathways.

Pathways is now debt-free through Jerry's efforts. Last year he provided matching funds to enable us to retire the debt on our most recent apartment building acquisition.



"Since initially becoming aware of Pathways many years ago, I have been very impressed with the help they give to young women in need. I am proud and happy to help direct the path of this organization going forward."



RAYMOND CERVANTEZ

Two years ago, banker Raymond Cervantez attended our annual fundraising event, where Farmers and Merchants Bank President, Henry Walker, was honored. He expresses his enthusiastic response, "I was blown away by what I learned about the organization, so I leapt at the chance to join the board!"

Raymond attended Los Angeles-area schools, earning his B.A. in history from CSULB, with a view to a career as an elementary school teacher. His decades-long affinity for banking, however, eventually won out.

A graduate of Leadership Long Beach, Raymond has been with Farmers and Merchants Bank for four years, currently serving as vice-president and manager of the Los Altos branch, where he loves his job of banking and working with fellow employees.

Among the many assets Raymond brings to our board are his collaborative spirit, infectious enthusiasm and, of course, his valued financial expertise.



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We are delighted to welcome both Raymond and Jerry to the board.

Pathways Clients Are Stellar Students!

We Celebrate Academic Achievement.

A total of 16 of our participants were recognized last semester for their grade point average of 3.58 or higher. Nine of these outstanding students achieved straight A's. What an accomplishment, THE PERFECT G.P.A.!!

PICTURED HERE A SOME OF THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS.



Each of these young women receives a monetary award from Pathways for this awesome feat. A \$50 gift is our way of congratulating their focus and incredible efforts. Would you like to help us cover the cost of recognizing client scholarship?

Please show your support and encouragement by donating to the Hard Work "Pays" Off Award. Please support this effort by either:

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Pictured from left to right:

Lisa Mais, Shelly Rocha (Director of Sales), Spencer Snyder and Jennifer Walker (Vice President of Operations)

*Thank you
to The Spencer Snyder Group
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The Spencer Snyder Group is proud to give back to Pathways and the women it supports.

The historic Art Theatre in Long Beach was the setting for a special event for the Pathways family on February 23.



Our board, service providers, mentors, clients, graduates and Friends of Pathways were invited to a screening of "RBG," an inspiring documentary highlighting the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The morning also provided ample opportunity for connecting with clients as well as our large contingent of volunteers.

The Joy of Volunteering

We are presently seeking providers in the following areas: therapists, optometrists, dentists and orthodontists. If you are interested or know someone who might be able to assist our Pathways clients in these areas, please contact Lori San Filippo at lorirobin311@aol.com



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Since its inception in 1991, over 300 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.

For more info call 562-493-9048

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for your support!*