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The Volunteer Auxiliary of Youth Guidance Center



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City Youth Now, originally founded in 1950 as The Volunteer Auxiliary of Youth Guidance Center, was the first non-profit organization of its kind in the history of the United States' juvenile court system.

Since then, we have been working behind the scenes to provide funds and services for youth under the jurisdiction of San Francisco's Juvenile Court — including youth in the foster care and/or juvenile probation systems.

Unfortunately, the public systems provide only the bare necessities for our youth. At City Youth Now, we believe [all children deserve a real childhood...](#)

“*I'd like to thank you for the financial support that you've given me. You are all great people. I respect you all very much for volunteering both your time and money to give people like me a sense of belonging and caring. As you know, this card is a little too small for me to express my inner feelings, my appreciation, and my greatfulness [sic] toward your helping hands, therefore I will just simply say thank you very much!*”

– James, age 14

Current City Youth Now programs include:

- **Individual Grants** address the needs of youth in a number of areas, including: camperships, education/literacy, emergency clothing, graduation gifts, medical/dental, personal development, and recreation. (We make approximately 1,000 grants each year.)
- **Internship Program** provides stipends and job training to over 100 youth every year.
- **Independent Living Funds** assists many teens transitioning to independence.
- **Project KEEP** provides an emergency essentials backpack and teddy bear to every abandoned, abused or neglected child who is taken to San Francisco's Child Protection Center.
- **Library & Author Program** provides books, volunteers, and author visits for hundreds of detained youth yearly.
- **Holiday Gifts** for over 2,000 children annually (often their only gift!).
- **Jesse E. Williams, III Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides educational and vocational funds for youth in the juvenile probation system.
- **Corner Store** a gift shop and youth training program in the lobby of Youth Guidance Center.
- **Innovative Juvenile Court Partnerships** We continue to address the unmet needs of youth in the foster care and/or juvenile probation systems.

“City Youth Now fulfills very important needs that no one else can or will. They help the ‘system’ do for these kids what any parent would do for their own child.”

– Judge Katherine Feinstein,
Supervising Judge of the
Unified Family Court

City Youth Now has provided funds and services to children under the jurisdiction of San Francisco's Juvenile Court system for over 50 years. Probation officers, social workers, attorneys, and others come to us daily with requests for children under their care or supervision. Requests range from emergencies, to educational or enrichment needs. While these requests may seem basic to some people, they are essential to youth with nowhere else to turn.

Thank you for your interest and we hope you will join us in this important work.

To make a donation to City Youth Now or to find out more about our services, please contact us:

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