

From Widow To Winner Projects International

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Paula joyfully gives gifts to Social Worker, Mary Winston, at DCFS to deliver to 10 adopted Foster Care Children for Christmas. A heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters: Dorri Robertson, JoAnne and Dennis Birthwright, Cathy and Ralph Lawson, Cumiel and Isaac Robinson, Cheryl McKensie, Elaine Everett, and Dorothy Cotton. The enthusiastic love they shared with our kids is so appreciated and will never be forgotten!

The year of our Lord, 2013 proved to be quite productive for this growing ministry to orphans and widows. We continue to obey the mandate to be an advocate on behalf of orphans and widows as described in James 1:26. Our passion for obeying this assignment must grow. Complacency and apathy is no longer acceptable. We will never give up sounding the alarm on behalf of the orphans and widows on God's heart. They are precious to Him and He is calling out to the church and to anyone who would hear His call. It is an urgent call and we invite you to continue responding to their distress in their time of need.

In 2013, you assisted us in doing our part with your donations, your effectual prayers and your much needed encouragement. For this and so much more, we are grateful!

We developed relationships with 10 orphans in permanent foster care. These are young children ages 12-19 who are still in permanent foster group homes. They have no families, no one to call Mom and Dad. They need to know that we genuinely care for them and will be available for them as they transition into adulthood. We are working with the South County Faith Based Council to build on these relationships with these children.

Here are some facts from the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles that can help you ponder the issue in more depth. Currently, there are 56,138 children in foster care in California with 13,394 children waiting for adoptive families. Homes are needed for infants, sibling sets of brothers and sisters, older children and children of all ethnicities, especially African American children.



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Currently, in Los Angeles County more than 2,000 foster children turn 18 and leave foster care without an adoptive family. Over a third of these emancipated teens end up homeless or incarcerated during the first two years of living on their own and without the support of a family. →

Young adults may now remain in foster care until age 21 if desired. They may also access subsidized housing and tuition at a California college year around. But after turning 21...what then?

How many 21 year olds are mature enough to be successful in transitioning into the next phase of adulthood without the wisdom and guidance of mentoring, coaching and godly counsel? We need to avail ourselves to help them say, " Yes to Success"! And that is where our Y.E.S.S. Project comes in. The Youth Emancipation Success Stories is the answer to helping emancipated youth say "Yes to Success". **The 10 youth that we have relationships with will be the recipients of the services of our Y.E.S.S. Project.**

Our widow support ministry is growing as we have ministered to 4 widows in a group support setting and one-on-one. We encourage more churches to start widow support groups and provide real services to widows as they find their way back to normalcy after the loss of their beloved husband. We need to do more and we want to do more!

If you are pleased with what we have accomplished so far and want us to do more, please continue your support, increase your support or begin to support.

You may mail in your donations to the following address: From Widow To Winner, P.O. Box 12076, Jackson, MS 39216. Make checks payable to FWTW Projects. And please feel free to make a donation on our website by clicking on the donate button at www.fromwidowtowinner.com. All donations are tax deductible under 501©(3).

“Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah 1:17

Paula Bass, Founder and Director of From Widow To Winner Projects International is presented a special recognition award for the work she is doing on behalf of Foster Care Children. Presenting the award to Ms. Bass are Commissioner Sunny Kang, Commission for Children and Families and Adela Estrada, Children’s Services Administrator II, DCFS South County Faith Based Council.

