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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS, A NEW NAME AND A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

This year, on our 10th anniversary, Friends of the San Francisco Independent Living Skills Program (Friends of ILSP) became Foster Youth Rising! After much discussion and reflection, our board believed that the best way to preserve our legacy and embrace our future was to keep the same great mission, yet update our brand with a new name.

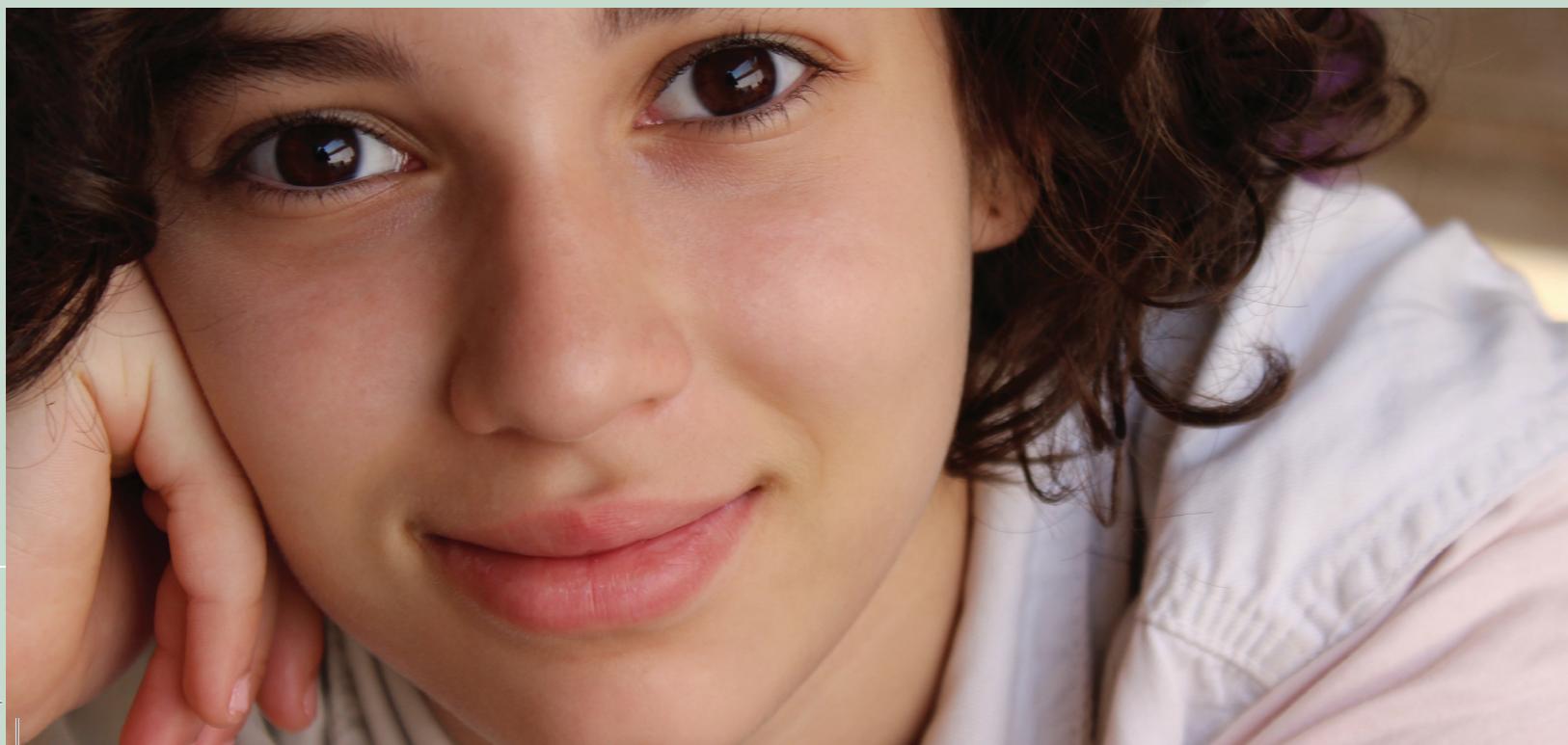
Ten years ago, our organization grew out of the SF ILSP program as a way to fulfill the unmet needs of youth within that program. While we will still take direct referrals from ILSP and serve that youth population, we realized that there is a greater need beyond the program that our organization has been addressing. As a continually growing organization, we wanted to identify a name that encompassed more. We selected the name Foster Youth Rising because of the strength it conveys and because of its descriptive nature.

We are dedicated to keeping the original mission alive as well as evolving the organization into a sustainable entity that continues to connect people and resources.

We thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

The Foster Youth Rising Board of Directors



FOSTER YOUTH RISING

Foster Youth Rising is an all-volunteer organization that raises funds to cover the unmet needs of foster youth as they emancipate from care and begin their lives as higher education students. By the age of 18, most foster youth begin supporting themselves. By the age of 21, they are expected to be fully independent. Many foster youth find it difficult to make this transition. After leaving care, they suffer rates of unemployment, homelessness, and lack of educational attainment higher than any other group. Foster Youth Rising addresses this by providing grants to fulfill their unmet needs.

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe young adults transitioning from foster care in San Francisco deserve to have the financial and emotional resources needed to build stability and success in their lives. Foster Youth Rising fills gaps in the resources available to these young adults by providing grants and other opportunities in a manner that acknowledges their potential and dignity.

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When I began volunteering with what was then Friends of the San Francisco Independent Living Skills Program (Friends of ILSP), I was new to San Francisco and simply looking for a way to get involved with an organization on a deeper level. I didn't really have a vision in mind of the organization I wanted to be a part of, I just knew I was looking for an impactful leadership opportunity that made people happy. After thorough research, I came across a Volunteermatch.org ad that offered such an opportunity. Eight years later I am so grateful that I pursued joining this board. From joining as a general board member, to becoming Board Secretary and now growing into the role of Board President, I am humbled by this experience.

As we transitioned this year from Friends of ILSP to Foster Youth Rising, I am proud of the leadership our board members have continued to show. As a volunteer "working" board, we have put a lot into keeping the board not only surviving but flourishing in many ways. From fundraising to administrative tasks that generally staff get paid for, we have continued as volunteers working hard to coordinate this worthy institution.

We want Foster Youth Rising to be a valued resource for our target audience for many years to come and with your support, we can continue to make connections happen.

We have seen the impact dedicated volunteers and donors can make in the lives of many. Financial hardship is not an easy matter to overcome, and at times, ongoing prosperity can seem like a pipe dream to some. However, offering financial support to our grantees has definitely contributed to positive outcomes and renewed hopes.

Your support means so much to our mission, and we will continue to work in varying capacities to ensure Foster Youth Rising grows to reach as many people as possible.

We hope that you will choose to offer support this year. Please consider donating via the enclosed return envelope or via our website: www.fosteryouthrising.org.

Sincerely,



Kai Forsley

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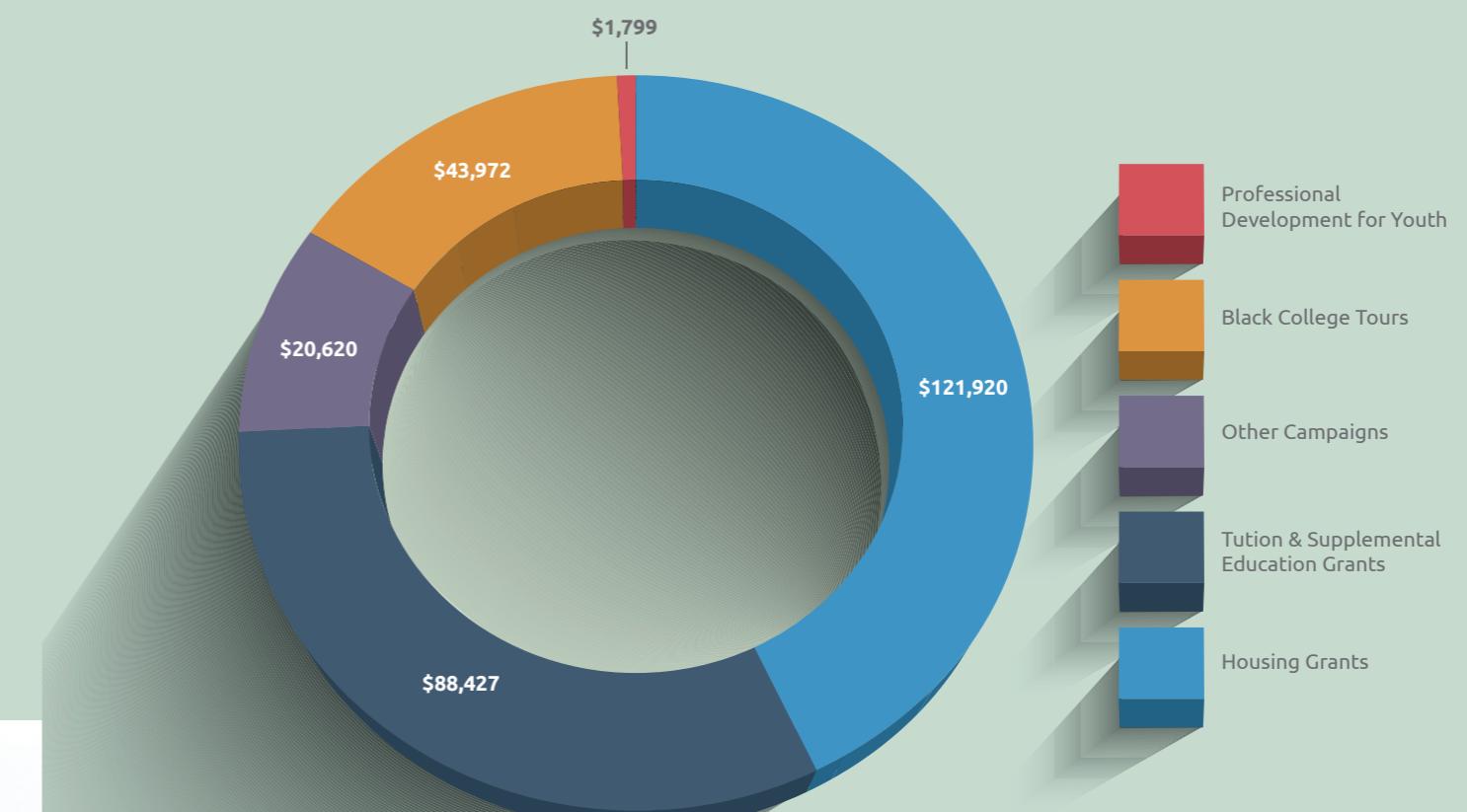
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OVERVIEW OF FOSTER YOUTH RISING GRANTS 2005-2017



The chart above highlights where Foster Youth Rising granting funds have been dispersed. As evidenced by the chart, the majority of our focus has been on housing and tuition grants. While our organization primarily focuses on foster youth that are engaged in higher education, there have been instances in which we have given housing grants to foster youth that are not enrolled in higher education institutions but have exhibited a pronounced need to secure housing or remain in their housing.

Supplemental educational grants include grants for university technology requirements (laptops), textbooks and basic school supplies. Housing grants have also included home furnishings. The "Other Campaigns" category references specific fundraising activities that have included purchasing luggage for youth, the large graduation event each year as well as other unexpected emergencies experienced by the youth.

