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Creating Lasting Change

We call it Home, others call it Hope.

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Mission

To empower disenfranchised low income individuals and families by building leadership through evidence-based programs and housing to create self-sufficiency and thriving communities.

Black-Brown Mothers Matter!



**#StopStealingOurBabies
#DefundChildWelfare #InvestInFamilies**

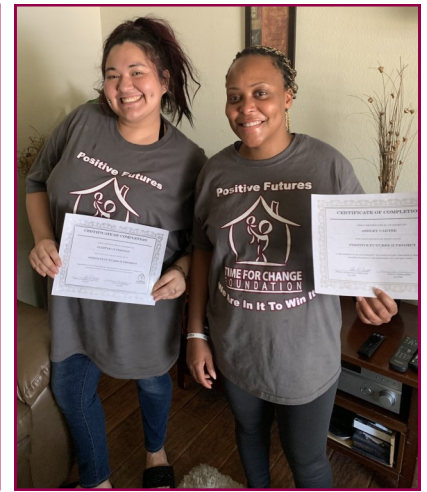
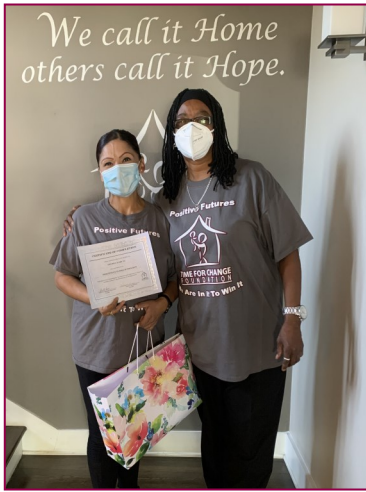
I can't breathe...

Just as soon as the courts opened up from COVID 19, the first order of business was terminating the parental rights of women and pushing kids into a foster care system that spits them out at 18, abused, molested and packaged for prison 90% of the time.

#InvestInFamilies #DefundChildWelfareSystem

Did you know that the Child Welfare System spent 32 billion dollars last year compared to only 7 billion dollars in Children's Health Insurance? In the United States, 1/3 of all children have been the subject of a Child Welfare Investigation with 1/2 of them being black children.

Our Virtual Town Hall: #stopstealingourbabies highlighted these facts. Stories of women and children that have been negatively impacted by the child welfare system and brought education and data on how this system that says it's supposed to protect children is actually harming them! Over 300 people registered for this event and this is only the beginning! We are calling on you to join our efforts in defunding the system and investing in families!



Writing Contest

This summer we spiced things up with our first annual writing and painting contests. The women in our Positive Futures II program were given the opportunity to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place by sharing their compelling stories that brought them out of incarceration and to Time for Change Foundation by showing their creative sides.

Painting Contest



Self-Sufficiency Successes



Trinidad came to Time for Change Foundation's (TFCF) Brighter Futures homes on October 16, 2019 after being falsely evicted from her home making her homeless with a 13-year-old daughter. She lost all her belongings and struggled to keep her daughter in school. Sometimes life throws a curve ball, here she was homeless, jobless, car-less and without her most important papers that could help get back on track. Her daughter was a straight-A student, she played violin, was on the drill team and did flags. As a single mom, Trinidad faced so many uncertainties and became depressed because she wanted so much more for her daughter. She heard about TFCF from a friend, unsure of what to expect but more than ready for change, she did not hesitate to call. Trinidad knew her and her daughter deserved so much more than the current life they had been living on the streets.

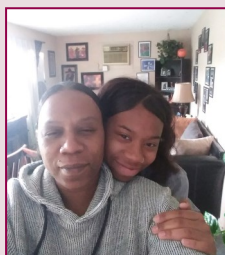
After two months of being in stable housing, Trinidad got a job on December 5, 2019. She worked hard, attended all of TFCF's educational classes, began saving her money, and on February 15, 2020 she got a car. Stable housing, support, focus and faith is what Trinidad needed to become self-sufficient again. Her daughter was able to reconnect in school and together they were thriving and well on their way to the life they both had hoped for, for so long. Through all her trials, Trinidad did not allow them to stand in her way. With the support of Time for Change Foundation and Trinidad's unwavering strength and dedication, another one of her many goals were achieved and on July 28, 2020 Trinidad and her daughter moved into their very own apartment! Congratulations Trinidad!

After successfully graduating our Positive Futures I and Positive Futures II projects, **Nortasia** has overcome barriers she has faced over the years being a formerly incarcerated woman and reached self-sufficiency. Raised by her mother while her father was incarcerated 15 years of her life she did exceptionally well growing up. "I was a bright child, an honor roll student, and in the G.A.T.E (gifted and talented education) program," said Nortasia. She describes herself as being a happy child, but by the time she was 15 she was sexually abused, raped and human trafficked to the point that she tried to commit suicide. Her sister found her in the bathtub after swallowing over 150 aspirin and she was then diagnosed with bipolar disorder and severe depression. After years on lots of medication and inside treatment facilities, eventually hospitalization led to incarceration. Nortasia found herself in a horrible situation because of drug abuse and was facing 15 years to life. "God must have been looking out for me because I got 2 years with half," she said. Ever since then she knew she had to make changes. When she was released, she went to Time for Change Foundation and really got the help that she needed. She participated in weekly classes, therapy, work projects and got help with getting into a sober living. TFCF supported Nortasia for six months in the sober living while helping her to obtain her identifications, gain employment, a car, and eventually her own home! "My life has not always been easy but I'm thankful for my pain because I get to appreciate better blessings, I have in life today, thank you Time for Change!"



COVID Can't Stop Us!

Since the COVID-19 global pandemic hit, TFCF has been on the frontlines ensuring that those most in need are receiving what they need to survive. Over the course of six months we have increased our services to ensure families are able to remain stably housed by paying their rent. We've helped with utility payment assistance, motel vouchers, food, clothing, PPP safety gear, and so much more! Through this support, we are preventing homelessness and the spread of this dreadful virus! TFCF has helped 37 women from prison and over 100 homeless women and children since COVID began. To make a contribution to our COVID-19 Emergency Crisis Fund visit our website at www.TimeForChangeFoundation.org.





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To date we've helped over **1,700** homeless women and children reach self-sufficiency AND have reunited **298** children out of foster care back with their mothers!

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

Did you know that \$50 a month will provide food security for hungry children?

When you sign up for recurring giving we will send you a special gratitude box and our monthly newsletter so you can stay up to date on all the positive change TFCF is making with your generous contribution!

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