

## 'IT'S A WRAP' PEPCY & KIM

**TARAJI P. HENSON TO DIRECT JENNIFER HUDSON AS KIM CARTER, IN IERVOLINO ENTERTAINMENT'S 'TELL IT LIKE A WOMAN' ANTHOLOGY PROJECT.**

Oscar nominee Taraji P. Henson (*Hidden Figures*), Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson (*Dreamgirls*), and Pauletta Washington have joined Iervolino Entertainment's star-studded anthology project "Tell It Like a Woman."

The trio will take on "Pepcy & Kim," one of the anthology's seven segments. Henson has signed on to direct the piece, which is inspired by the true story of Kim Carter, a former addict who has used her story and her nonprofit, Time for Change Foundation, to help homeless women, and children break the cycle and reclaim their lives.

"The talents of Taraji, Jennifer and Pauletta are awe-inspiring and on full display in their adaptation of the amazing Kim Carter story," Andrea Iervolino said, announcing the new segment. "This trio is a marvelous compliment to the spirited filmmakers and talent banding together for this one-of-a-kind film, and their sincerity in delivering a 'must see' segment is simply moving. We can't wait to show this film to the world."

"'Tell It Like A Woman' has been a very long journey, almost six years producing this film, and we couldn't have asked for a better ending segment in 'Pepcy & Kim,'" producer Chiara Tilesi added.

"We are honored to have the immense talents of Taraji, Jennifer, and Pauletta, to bring Kim Carter's powerful story to life," Tilesi continued.

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# TELL IT LIKE A WOMAN

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# FROM OUR DIRECTOR



As Fall approaches, we look back on the past quarter with hopefulness, and pride in the work we've done for our women and children.

The COVID-19 pandemic still remains a prevalent obstacle towards our preferred methods of outreach, but with vaccination rates on the rise, and infection rates steadily dropping around the region, it seems that things are beginning to return to normal. I sincerely pray you and your families have been safe and healthy.

This summer we saw great strides in the lives of the families we serve. We have seen the reunification of 3 children with their mothers, and the successful transition of 2 women into their own homes. It makes me incredibly proud to see the hard work of these women pay off.

TFCF also took young teens to Montgomery, Alabama for an enlightening education on the Civil Rights Movement. For most of those attending, it was the furthest they had ever been from home or the first time on an airplane. The activities were inspiring, and the experience, moving. It was a great opportunity to look back on African American's never-ending fight for equality, and raise questions on what we should do to continue the efforts for equity in today's divided socio-political climate.

Lastly, the Holidays are nearly here! We want to ensure all of our women and children get what they deserve. If you have any gifts for donating, please reach out to us so we can get this sleigh-a-moving.

You are always appreciated and I wanted to thank you for your support. You make our work possible, and your generosity has literally saved lives!

*Vanessa Perez*

Vanessa Perez  
Executive Director  
Time For Change Foundation



## THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS

**W**e at Time For Change Foundation want to thank everyone for your donations. **YOU** make the impact that saves lives and restores confidence, determination, dignity, and hope!

Many of you have chosen to be a voice for families and have committed to monthly contributions. This stable financial base allows us to keep the women and children we serve fed and sheltered. By becoming a Time For Change Foundation donor, you are joining an incredible group of people who have made a commitment to empowering disenfranchised, low-income individuals and families, enabling them to attain self-sufficiency.

If you have thought about contributing regularly, \$50 a month is all it takes to provide food security for those in need. Visit [timeforchange.org/contribute/](https://timeforchange.org/contribute/) donate, for more information on how you can help. 🙌

***I have found that among its benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.***

**- Maya Angelou**





## HEAL, LEAD, THRIVE

Leadership development begins when our women step foot in our door.

Through education, empowerment, and advocacy we teach our women that their voice matters and that they are not invisible.

Our Heal, Lead, Thrive event explored what it means to lead, and how planning for our futures can lead to us reaching our dreams. Our women participated in an open roundtable discussion, exploring what it means to thrive outside of their circumstances.

We want to give a special thanks to Clay Counseling Solutions, Inc., and Mildred Treash for the empowering words and activities.



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

Public policy plays a significant role in how Time For Change Foundation makes lasting, positive change. We truly solve problems, instead of temporary fixes.

However, just as public policy can be a powerful force for good, it can also be a harmful force that disrupts and destroys the communities we represent.

That is because when it comes to our mission, shifts in public policy seldom have a neutral impact. Being that we represent a demographic consisting of disenfranchised, and often voiceless members of the community—we cannot be neutral either.

**That is why we advocate.**

### SB-81

Building on the California Rules of Court that guide judges in certain sentencing decisions, SB-81 states that the court shall, in exercising its discretion to dismiss an enhancement in the interests of justice, consider and afford great weight to evidence offered by the defendant to prove that any of the specified mitigating circumstances are present.

By clarifying the parameters a judge must follow, SB-81 codifies a recommendation made by the CRPC to improve fairness in sentencing and help ensure that penalties more closely reflect the circumstances of the crime.

Passed in early September SB-81 was signed by Governor Newsome on October 8th, 2021.

### CALIFORNIA BLACK REDISTRICTING HUB

The California Black Census and Redistricting Hub Project has convened an unprecedented delegation of grassroots organizations united with Black demographers, researchers, and policy experts representing some of the nation's most esteemed institutions.

They are committed to collaborating with stakeholders, decision-makers, and uplifting community voices to empower equity and fairness through the codifying of data and analysis of hard-to-count Blacks communities in California to ensure fair and just representation of Black voices in our decennial redistricting process.

## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: BIANCA



Bianca began abusing drugs at age 24. Coming from a home where her parents used, it wasn't long before she began to follow in their footsteps. The consequences were swift. She lost her job, her home and became unstable, throwing every moment away in addiction. Ultimately, addiction led to her being homeless for 5 years and seeing her life deteriorate. Irresponsibility led her to miss court dates,

medical appointments, and unable to provide for her children. After going through this cycle for so many years, Bianca knew it was time for change.

She came to Time for Change Foundation in July 2021 determined to leave the past behind her. She and her two daughters, ages three and one, were provided with safe, stable housing where Bianca can bathe her children and provide them with three meals a day. She has been assigned a case manager who works with her daily on her self-sufficiency

plan. "At Time for Change [Foundation] I've been able to get organized and take the steps my life needed."

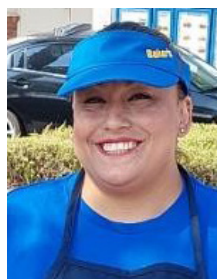
Bianca shares that she wants to be independent, showing her children a different, healthier lifestyle. Most importantly, Bianca aims to be a sober mother, who loves and takes care of her children. She thanks TFCF for the support, "I have a closet

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and drawers to put my clothes in. I hadn't had that in five years, clothes of my own to put away. That's structure. This is the most support I've had in years, our lives are just better!"

After being at TFCF's Sweet Dreams shelter, Bianca has successfully completed parenting, has continued to maintain her sobriety, and has recently gained employment. She has come a long way and the best is yet to come!

## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: ROSANNA



Rosanna is very grateful for the impact Time for Change Foundation has had on her life. Thinking back on how she got here, she remembers being a kid always excelling in academics. For her, school was a means of escape from the drugs and violence that consumed her household.

The daily abuse from her mother and father led her to alcohol at 12, a discovery she learned, helped to numb the physical and emotional pain. At 14 she was introduced to Methamphetamine, and weekend use soon turned to everyday addiction. By 16 she was pregnant, kicked out of her parent's home, and living in an abusive relationship. At age 18 she got married in Las Vegas and gave birth to her daughter two days later.

The image of a happy family was more important for the young Rosanna than the reality of her circumstance. While the abusive life she was experiencing at home intensified, she continued her escape through education, graduating summa cum laude and going on to work in the medical industry. One morning, after a night of heavy drinking she rushed to work while still intoxicated. Losing control of her car she rolled six times before walking from the vehicle unharmed. During the resulting 2-year prison sentence a series of life changing events occurred.

Upon arrival to federal prison, she found out she was 2 weeks pregnant. Then her husband took her 6-year-old daughter and moved to Mexico, losing all contact with her. Devastated, she would give birth to her second daughter while incarcerated,

allowing her family to take custody to prevent her entering the system.

When released, Rosanna found herself cycling back into incarceration due to drug use. Her children went into their father's custody, and ultimately into CPS due to his own addictions. After her last time in jail Rosanna decided she was ready for change. Reaching out to Time For Change Foundation she was determined to get her life back on track. "They [TFCF] made it easy, I just had to do the footwork."

Rosanna entered into Time for Change's Mt. View shelter in

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June 2021 where she participated in educational classes, 12-step recovery, and has learned the life skills needed to reach self-sufficiency. After only a month, Rosanna gained full-time employment and has opened up a savings. She enjoys her new job and shares, "it's an honest living. It feels good to be needed, I'm part of a team and we all work together. It boosts my confidence."

On October 29th Rosanna moved into her very own apartment after only four months of entering our program! She now has a home to bring her children to where they can reunite and be the family she always dreamed of. "I am on top of the world, I didn't think I'd be able to come so far in such little time. The only way I was able to make this transition and apply my goals into action was because of Time for Change [Foundation]."

Congratulations Rosanna! 🎉



# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA



Jessica received her second DUI in January of 2021. At the time she and her son were homeless, “couch surfing” she calls it, place to place and if lucky, motel to motel. She even left California for a time in 2020, just for the opportunity for shelter. She was in such a warped mindset at the time that she couldn't seem to catch her breath. The stress of her life and a lack of planning or goal setting led from bad decisions to worse decisions.

The January DUI was a revelation for her, as while detained at West Valley she came to terms with her alcoholism. She was behind bars, clueless as to the whereabouts of her son, and extremely worried about him. Later she would find out of his entry to the child welfare system, as a ward of the state of California. After leaving jail in February, she hit the ground running. She knew she had made terrible mistakes but was more concerned with the effects said mistakes would have on her son. She knew that in the system his safety and security were on the line.

She completed inpatient rehab at Gibson House, but not before three more visits to West Valley Detention Center. Her alcoholism was a battle, and confusion over her circumstance led to loss of emotional control and rage.

Jessica entered TFCF on August 1, 2021 with the goal of controlling these feelings, her addiction, and her rage. After cycling in and out of jail, unable to control her emotions, and coming to the realization that all that mattered was getting her son back, she set goals for herself and is working to let go of the guilt, and pain inside her.

Her favorite class is Women's Wellness, as she wants to learn to be better to herself. This is a very important aspect of her recovery that she says Time for Change Foundation focuses on, the trauma outside of addiction.

Now, Jessica has gained a new view of herself and has gained a positive mindset over her situation. After only one month of being at TFCF Jessica has gained employment and has moved into her own apartment on November 1, 2021! It has been three years since Jessica has had her own home, and while this is exciting for her, she is more thankful at the thought that she now has a home to reunite with her son!



## TO OUR SPONSORS, DONORS, AND SUPPORTERS!

As 2021 moves toward its end, we'd like to thank the growing number of supporters who have helped us in the important work sheltering homeless women and children.

This fiscal year, with your support we've been able to provide 4,006 nights of emergency shelter, and 921 transports to educational, medical, and therapeutic appointments—a big help!

We are excited to begin our new workforce development projects through the support of The California Wellness Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, and California Community Reinvestment Grant Program. With these projects we are helping formerly incarcerated women gain the tools



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needed to thrive after release without fear of recidivism.

Interested in learning more about becoming a Partner in Change? Every pledge or donation has an impact in empowering disenfranchised low income individuals and families. There are several levels of sponsorship, ranging from \$50 to \$5,000, with corresponding levels of benefits.

**We can always use your help. For more information visit us at**

**[timeforchangefoundation.org/contribute/donate](https://timeforchangefoundation.org/contribute/donate).**

**Become a Partner in Change and make your impact felt today.**



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## A JOURNEY TO MONTGOMERY, AL

OUR GIRLS TAKE A TRIP TO THE ALABAMA CITY TO EXPLORE IT'S COMPLICATED HISTORY WHILE SEEKING INSPIRATION FROM THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE THAT FOUGHT FOR THEM.

Last issue we showcased our 'Young Ladies of Elegance' luncheon, in which ten wonderful young ladies dressed up to celebrate their participation in a series of events aimed at empowering girls of color. This time, we figured a greater look at the movement to make all this possible was at hand. So we grabbed our face masks, and took them on a trip to Montgomery, Alabama. For many of these girls, this was their first time out of state, or on an airplane.

After a tour of HBCU Alabama State University, they visited the Rosa Parks Museum, and the Legacy Museum, located on the site of a former warehouse where Black people were forced to labor. They also visited the powerfully moving National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. Over 800 corten steel monuments hang within it. One for each county in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place.

It is always wonderfully when the youth have an opportunity to experience things that change the way see the world. This trip was a look at the actions, and sacrifices made by their ancestors to ensure they had opportunities to be more in life. It is proof to the fact that people have always been fighting for them, and their futures, and that they should fight as well.



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“This segment reminds us that in life no matter how difficult the circumstance, there is a way to overcome any obstacle. It is so inspiring to see Kim Carter helping women across the United States with her non-profit, The Time for Change Foundation.”

Hudson is set to star in the segment, playing both Pepcy and Kim, opposite Washington. The segment was penned by Catherine Hardwicke.

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“Pepcy & Kim” completes the puzzle for the “Tell It Like a Woman” project, a film made by and about women, comprised of seven segments that make one intertwining feature film. With their involvement in “Tell It Like a Woman,” Henson, Hudson and Washington join an

esteemed group of female filmmakers and actors that includes Cara Delevingne, Catherine Hardwicke, Margherita Buy, Marcia Gay Harden, Eva Longoria, Leonor Varela, Jacqueline Fernandez, Anne Watanabe and Mipo O.



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## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: BRITNEY



Britney had an “good childhood,” though as a kid she didn’t think much of it. Her parents divorced when she was five, and while her father operated a successful business, her mother used drugs and went through a series of boyfriends before landing in prison when Britney was 10.

She and her sisters then went to live with their father, and while things were good, Britney became pregnant at 15-years-old. When she reached early adulthood, she found herself married with a second child. Her marriage became controlling causing her to fall into depression, alcohol, and drug dependency, and ultimately, incarceration. “I’d go to jail, and tell myself I’d do better, then get out and use right away.”

Britney was spending more on drugs than she was on her bills. She believed drugs made her feel better, but couldn’t see the reality of her life through the drug induced illusion. Ultimately, she lost everything; her addiction left her with nothing but homelessness. “The last time [in jail] I cried, and I never cried [in jail] before. I prayed and prayed. ‘God, I

don’t want this anymore.”

That was a turning point for Britney. When she got out of jail the last time she was referred to rehab and Time for Change Foundation. She decided then to take the first step towards staying clean and sober and getting her life on track. She came to Time for Change Foundation in September 2021.

Since then, things have gone beyond her expectations. She enjoys weekly groups and talking to the other women in the program who understand the things she’s been through. Britney has been able to visit with her children regularly and is working towards family reunification. Her prayers were answered as she tells us, “It’s almost like he’s [God] saying ‘I told you, let me do this for you.’”

Britney acknowledges that there is a lot of damage to repair, and she aims to take all the time necessary to heal. Through TFCF’s Positive Family Future Reunification (PFFR) Program she is participating in weekly parenting classes and individual therapy to help heal from her past and prepare her to be a nurturing and supportive mother for her children. Britney is on track to receiving custody of her children back and is grateful for the opportunity Time for Change Foundation is providing her! 🙏



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# HOLIDAY DONATIONS

There are several ways for you to give and make an impact in the lives of the women and children we serve. Help make a moment of joy this holiday season, make a tax deductible contribution at [timeforchangefoundation.org](http://timeforchangefoundation.org)

### **Do you have other ideas for holiday giving?**

Give us a call at 909-886-2994 or send us an email at [info@timeforchangefoundation.org](mailto:info@timeforchangefoundation.org).