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a/o 1/26/99; L. Schwartz

SUPPORTING FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

Friday, January 29, 1999

Gate Opens: 2:20 p.m.

Invite Time: 3:00 p.m.

Briefing: 3:00 Red Room

Meet: 3:05 Blue Room

Event: 3:15 East Room

Approx. 180 guests for Program/Open press/Business Attire

9 Social Aides

2:20 p.m. Foster youth arrives East Visitors Gate and proceed to the Blue Room.

Contact: Mary Ellen McGuire

2:30 p.m. East Visitors Gate opens and guests proceed to the East Room.

SET UP & ARRIVAL NOTES: *Tables for handouts for guests in Booksellers w/ cloths; Coat check in Family Theater; Strings w/ piano.*

3:00 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY and MRS. GORE** arrive in Red Room for briefing.

Briefing Participants

Nicole Rabner

Trooper Sanders

3:05 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY and MRS. GORE** proceed to Blue Room for meet and greet.

Blue Room Participants:

Secretary Donna Shalala

Director of Health and Human Services

Supporters/Foundation:

5-6 people

Foster Youth: 10 people

3:15 p.m. **THE FIRST LADY and MRS. GORE** are announced from the Blue Room into the East Room accompanied by Secretary Shalala, event participants and Foster Youth.

Note: 8 Foster youth not on program proceed to Pink Section Stage Left.

PROGRAM BEGINS

Secretary Shalala opens, makes remarks and introduces **THE FIRST LADY**.

THE FIRST LADY makes remarks and introduces Foster Youth.

Foster Youth makes remarks and introduces **MRS. GORE**.

MRS. GORE makes remarks and introduces Foster Youth #2.

Foster Youth #2 makes remarks.

Approx. TBD p.m. **THE FIRST LADY** thanks guests for attending and departs.

EAST ROOM NOTES: 8x10 Stage at Gold curtain; 180 Chairs; Front row reserved; Glass Toast Lectern; water at podium; announce mic in Blue Room; Press risers # TBD at West wall; stanchions around press risers.

Guests depart East Gate.

MEET AND GREET

Donna Shalala, Secretary HHS
Ruth Massinga, CEO, Casey
Richard Ford, President BoT, Casey
Robin Nixon, CWL
Ralph Smith, VP, Casey Foundation
Pat Latke, Homeless Outreach

Judy Butler
Terry Harrak
John Guterrez
Analeah Charles
Margaret Duarte
Joe Forsyth
Dorothy Forsyth- foster mom
Leah McBride - *book*
Alfred Perez
Rico Shaw
Joy Warren
Terri Faye Yaden

WHITE HOUSE EVENT ON SUPPORTING TRANSITIONING FOSTER CARE YOUTH

January 29, 1999

FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

TERRY HARRAK, 19 (SPEAKER)

Alexandria, VA

Terry entered foster care at the age of 16 after spending several months on her own with no family support. At the age of 18, having just started her senior year of high school, Terry emancipated from foster care with no job or place to live. Despite becoming homeless, she continued to attend school full time while staying at friends' homes, teachers' homes, metro terminals, and hospital emergency rooms. Terry graduated from high school in June 1998 and became a participant in the Living Independently for Tomorrow (LIFT) program of Residential Youth Services in Alexandria, Virginia, which has provided her with critical services and a place to live. Terry is currently working and attends a local community college.

Established in 1991 as a Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth, LIFT provides housing, life skills training, education and employment support. Youth in the program live in apartments, participate in individual and group life skills instruction, receive counseling from caring staff, and are helped to achieve educational and employment goals.

Contact: Dr. Vera Jackson, Living Independently for Tomorrow Program (703) 548-8334

JOHN GUTIERREZ, 19 (SPEAKER)

Culver City, California

John was in foster care from the age of 12. He has lived in group homes, one foster home and in Los Angeles County's 24-hour emergency shelter for foster youth. John has no family. During the course of his high school career, John attended eight different schools and in the beginning, was known to get into trouble. Then, at the age of 17, John decided to turn his life around. By graduation, John had a 3.0 grade point average and is currently studying art at Santa Monica City College. John holds two part-time jobs: one as an administrative assistant at a law firm and another as a teacher's aide at a middle school. At the age of 19, John is preparing to leave the transitional housing in which he currently lives to move to an apartment of his own.

John credits his two group home counselors, his girlfriend, and now his independent living social worker through United Friends of the Children Bridges, with making the difference in his life. United Friends of the Children Bridges provides transitional housing with support services, employment preparation and placement assistance.

Contact: Clare Faulkner, United Friends of the Children Bridges (310) 338-3646

ANALEAH CHARLES, 18
New York, New York

Analeah is a young adult in the care of New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS). In March 1998, Analéah came into foster care as a voluntary placement and became a resident of a city-operated boarding house. Analéah soon began to participate in ACS's Independent Living (IL) Program and is currently an active member of the Program's Peer Leadership Council. With support from the program, Analéah has excelled academically. Determined to finish her high school education at her Catholic school, she secured a partial scholarship and pays the rest of her tuition with earnings from a part time job. Analéah plans to attend college and has participated in the IL Programs' SAT preparation and college application tutorials.

The Independent Living (IL) Program, sponsored by Administration for Children's Services of New York, assists foster care youth in their transition to adulthood. The Independent Living Program trains foster youth in the life skills they need to survive, and offers them assistance in pursuing their education, seeking employment, and locating safe and affordable housing.

Contact: Leonora Wiener, Administration for Children's Services of New York (212) 266-2100

MARGARET DUARTE, 22
Tucson, Arizona

Margaret was in foster care from the age of five. Graduating fifth in her high school class, Margaret was offered several college scholarships and decided to attend the University of Arizona where she plans to graduate with a degree in finance and accounting this May. In order to give back to her community, Margaret volunteers at the Casa de los Ninos crisis shelter, a residential facility that provides shelter to abused and neglected children. Although she has lived on her own since high school, Margaret maintains a strong relationship with her foster mother who cared for her since she was eight.

Casey Family Services helped a great deal in Margaret's transition to college and adulthood. They provided her with necessary resources, included her in workshops on independent living, budgeting and finance, and taught her how to control and deal with anger. Casey also provided Margaret with a college scholarship throughout her five years of post secondary education.

Contact: Maureen Andrews, The Casey Family Program (520) 323-0886 x239

JOE FORSYTH, 19
Shelton, Connecticut

Joe entered foster care at the age of 11 and spent time in two State foster homes, a shelter, and a residential facility. At the age of 14, Joe was placed with a foster family through Casey Family

Services. Joe worked hard in high school and was admitted into Honors level classes. He also was a two time State wrestling champion. In addition to his studies, Joe has mentored younger students and volunteered to train foster parents. Currently, Joe is attending Springfield College in Massachusetts where he studies Applied Exercise Science on a full athletic scholarship. In 1998, Joe was asked to speak about foster care reform at a policy seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership held on Capitol Hill. Joe credits his success to his foster family, who stood by him even in times of trouble, and the hard work and dedication of his high school wrestling coach.

Contact: Lee Mullane, Casey Family Services (203) 929-3837

LEAH McBRIDE, 25
Cincinnati, Ohio

Leah started in foster care at the age of 15 and moved into the Lighthouse Independent Living Program at 17. She has completed high school, holds an associates degree, and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree. Leah now works part time at Lighthouse teaching independent living skills and mentoring current program participants. She has spoken to hundreds of foster care parents, business leaders, and other community members about the needs of emancipating foster care youth. Leah also devotes time to encouraging other foster youth to set goals, be persistent in working towards them, and not to let go of their dreams.

The Independent Living (IL) Program through Lighthouse, in which Leah spent a year and a half, is designed to promote self sufficiency in youth by gradually turning over their major life responsibilities. As they learn to become self sufficient, the program allows foster youth as young as 15 ½ to live in their own apartment with intensive support and assistance.

Contact: Mark Kroner, Lighthouse Youth Services (513) 475-5680

ALFRED PEREZ, 22
San Francisco, California

Alfred was in foster care for eleven years. In his last four years in care, he lived in eleven different placements, mostly group homes. During that time, Alfred carried his belongings from place to place in a plastic garbage bag. At age 15, Alfred started participating in the Contra Costa County Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) where he learned about life skills and employment. Alfred also became involved with the California Youth Connection (CYC), a nonprofit organization that involves foster youth in lobbying for their welfare at the local and State levels. Alfred graduated from San Jose State University in 1998, and has since joined CYC as a full time statewide outreach coordinator.

Through the Independent Living Skills Program, Alfred learned a variety of life skills, received job training, and had basic educational skills reinforced. Through his participation in the

California Youth Connection (CYC) Alfred gained leadership skills, professional experience in public policy, and learned the importance of public participation in the policy making process. Alfred met the First Lady in November when she visited the University of California at Berkeley to discuss the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

Contact: Alfred Perez, California Youth Connection (415) 398-1063

RICO SHAW, 18
Baltimore, Maryland

At the age of 10, Rico entered the foster care system upon the death of his mother. At 17, he was referred by a social worker to the local welfare to work program, the Glenarden Campus of Opportunity. Rico's "campus" career assessment focused on earning a GED and securing a job in order to join an independent living program. Rico entered into a UPS Professional Job Readiness and Life Skills training class and enrolled in a GED program. Three weeks after entering the Job Readiness class, Rico was hired by UPS. This past September, Rico moved into his own apartment and is scheduled to take the GED examination in May of this year.

The UPS School-to-Career Partnership for Maryland Youth in Foster Care provides youth emancipating from foster care with part-time jobs, post-secondary educational opportunities and support services. The program works in partnership with the Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Living Classrooms Foundation to support emancipating foster care youth.

Contact: Kevin Garvey, UPS School to Work Program (301) 604-4548

JOY WARREN, 25
New Haven, CT

Joy was in foster care from the age of 13. She has two sisters, one of whom recently left foster care and one who is still in high school. An active advocate on behalf of foster youth, Joy worked with the California Youth Connection (CYC) to improve the foster care system. Joy graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and currently attends Yale Law School. Mrs. Clinton met Joy at the Destination Future Conference in September of 1998 and referenced her in the September 23rd issue of her nationally syndicated column, *Talking it Over*.

Joy credits the California Youth Connection (CYC) with broadening her perspective on the wide range of experiences foster youth have within the system. CYC also made her acutely aware of how state and national policies have a profound impact on children's everyday lives.

Contact: Joy Warren (203) 785-8075

TERRI FAYE YADEN, 21
Vienna, VA

Terri was 10 years old when she and her sister were sent to Cookson Hills, a Christian orphanage on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Terri cultivated many interests while at Cookson Hills, including public speaking, sign language, sports, and a commitment to public service. Terri traveled across the United States representing Cookson Hills to its financial supporters, particularly Baptist congregations. Terri is now a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Early Education. In her sophomore year, Terri organized a sign language club, which taught hearing students to sign so they could perform volunteer work within the deaf community. Terri is a three time Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) scholarship recipient and has participated in a foster youth teen leadership program called the OLIVER Project. She has represented the OFA and spoken out on foster care issues in a wide variety of forums.

The Orphan Foundation of America provides college scholarships to older youth in foster care and those who have already left. In addition to receiving scholarship money, recipients are given the opportunity to participate in a summer leadership program in Washington D.C. which exposes foster care youth to legislators and gives them a chance to share their experiences while learning how policy is made.

Contact: Eileen McCaffrey, Orphan Foundation of America (703) 281-4226

REMARKS BY TERRY HARRAK

Good Afternoon Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Gore, and distinguished members and guests.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my personal experience as a former foster care youth striving for independence.

At the age of 16, I entered foster care and stayed until I was 18. The foster care system provided me with structure that was not available elsewhere. In foster care I received shelter, clothing and financial support. However, in my two years of foster care I lacked the knowledge and the tools of how to be a successful, individual *after* care ended.

At the age of 18, I exited the foster care program and entered the real world where I soon realized a monthly check is not sent to your house and medical care is not provided on request.

At that point int time, I found myself homeless. I was unable to find a job simply because I didn't have an address and did not know how to fill out an application for employment.

After being provided with a list of community resources I called Residential Youth Services- also known as RYS. RYS sent me information about their independent living program called LIFT.

LIFT stands for Living Independently for Tomorrow. I am now a client of Residential Youth Service's LIFT One Project.

LIFT One helps homeless youth, ages 17-21 years of age. RYS provides apartments for youth to live in and teaches us how to care for them, teaches us how to budget and helps us get along with our roommates and neighbors.

LIFT counselors helped me fill out my financial aid application for college- a goal that a short time ago, I thought was impossible! I am now proud to say that with the help of residential youth services I am attending college with *full* financial aid.

When I first entered LIFT One, I didn't have the skills or the confidence to apply for jobs. LIFT counselors taught me how to get a job and keep it. Working at RYS headquarters I learned secretarial and receptionist skills. I am not employed in a secretarial position at a collection agency full time.

Without the help of Residential Youth Services I would still be homeless without skills to live independently in my community. That is why RYS opened a program like LIFT One for foster care youth- so you don't have to become homeless to get help.

And now, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you a woman who shows compassion not only for all people, but particularly for the homeless, Mrs. Tipper Gore.

REMARKS BY JOHN GUTIERREZ

Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Gore, ladies and gentleman, it is an honor for me to be at the White House today to bring attention to the plight of emancipated foster youth.

I have been in foster care since I was 12 years old and have lived in group homes, foster homes and emergency shelters. Life has not been easy and I have experienced a lot of pain and suffering during the course of these years. I attended eight high schools in four years and at times, got into trouble. I never had the opportunity to establish long lasting relationships and as much as I wanted to I was not able to return to my family. Eventually, I just gave up.

When I turned 16, I was introduced to a brand new program called United Friends of Children Bridges to Independence and learned that a group of concerned citizens in Los Angeles who had been caring for abused and neglected foster children for over 20 years had started this program to help youth who emancipate from foster care at the age of 18. The Bridges to Independence program provides support, care and love to young adults as they leave foster care. Bridges, in partnership with the California Department of Children and Family Services and HUD, provides transitional housing, social workers, job training, and independent living skills to assist youth just like myself.

In fact, I was one of the first youth to enter the transitional housing program so that I would not become homeless. Today there are almost 200 foster youth living in apartments, learning basic living skills like cooking, shopping and money management - all while learning to contribute to their communities. Bridges also has a Career Center that works with us to provide job preparation and employment opportunities.

Because of the Bridges program and the unconditional support of my social worker, Ms. Belinda Gibson, I am ready to lead an independent successful life. I am attending Santa Monica Community College, working two part time jobs, and would like to work in the Entertainment Industry.

I am most proud to be at the White House today to represent the thousands of foster youth who each year find themselves without families, homes and the help that they need to create a good life for themselves. I am grateful to you Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Gore for bringing attention to this issue and ensuring that emancipated foster youth will never be forgotten. Thank you.

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ALUMNI BIOS**Margaret Duarte**

(Female, Hispanic, age 22)

The Casey Family Program – Tucson, Arizona

Contact: Maureen Andrews, Education Specialist

520-323-0886 x 239

Margaret has lived on her own since high school and is planning to graduate from the University of Arizona in May 1999 with a degree in finance and accounting. In addition to working in the community relations office at the University of Arizona, Margaret also volunteers at the Casa de los Ninos crisis shelter, a residential facility that provides shelter to about 50 abused and neglected children and serves about 700 children in the community each year. Margaret first came to the shelter at the age of five when she and her eight siblings were removed from their parent's care.

Margaret has relied on school to provide stability in her life and has made the most of the opportunities and resources presented to her. Margaret graduated 5th in her high school class in 1994 and was offered a number of college scholarships. With her strong academic record, she has remained on scholarship throughout her time in college. She has also maintained a strong relationship with the foster mother who has cared for her since she was eight. Margaret is highly articulate and has been featured in local articles in the *Tucson Citizen*

"The Casey Family Program has helped in my transition to both college and adulthood by providing necessary resources, such as workshops on independent living, budgeting and finance and how to control and deal with my anger. If it wasn't for the fact that God made me a part of The Casey Family Program, I don't know how I could have made such an easy transition to college and adulthood. Because of the scholarship that Casey provided me for the past five years, I have been able to lessen my work hours and concentrate on school. I have maintained close relationships with my "grandmother" and Jillian Smith, both former foster mothers, along with several high school teachers who were great male role models for me!"

John Gutierrez

(Male, Native American, age 19)

United Friends of the Children Bridges – Culver City, California

Contact: Claire Faulkner, Executive Director

310-338-3646

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John was one of the first emancipated foster youth to live in the Bridges to Independent transitional housing program. Over the past year and a half, John has been attending Santa Monica City College where he is majoring in Art. He also holds two part-time jobs: one on Saturday's doing administrative work at a law firm and the other as a teacher's assistance at a local middle school. The Bridges Career Center Jobs Program will also be

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working with John to prepare him for employment and provide recruitment services for jobs within the Entertainment Industry.

John has been in foster care since the age of 12. He has no family. He has lived in group homes, one foster home and in Los Angeles County's 24-hour emergency shelter for foster youth. He attended eight high schools and went from getting [P6/(b)(6)] to graduating with a [P6/(b)(6)] grade point average. There were three people who made a difference in his life in foster care: his two group home counselors and his girlfriend. Now his independent living social worker is the person who is making a difference in his life.

John had gotten into trouble during his initial years in foster care, and decided to turn his life around at the age of 17. The opportunity to live in Bridges transitional housing and work with a social worker has given him the freedom to stay away from trouble. Because of the program he does not have to worry about being homeless or about where his next meal would come from. He has learned to shop, budget, cook, pay rent, and attends college while working at two part-time jobs. He is now prepared to leave transitional housing and his focus is on getting an apartment and leaving the system.

Alfred Perez

(Male, African American, age 22)

California Youth Connection – San Francisco, California

Contact: Alfred Perez, Youth Outreach Coordinator

415-398-1063

Alfred was in foster care for eleven years. During his last 4 years in care, Alfred lived in eleven different placements, mostly group homes. During that time, he carried his belongings from place to place in a plastic garbage bag. When he was 15 years old, Alfred started participating in the Contra Costa County Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP). In the ILSP, Alfred not only learned about life skills and employment, but also learned to work in partnership with other young people to try to improve the foster care system by becoming a member of the California Youth Connection (CYC). Alfred became very close to an ILSP staff person, who was a mentor for Alfred even after he left foster care and continues to be his mentor today. Alfred graduated from San Jose State University in 1998, and has joined CYC as the full-time statewide outreach coordinator. Alfred tells people that having a mentor made all the difference in the world to him when he was leaving the foster care system.

"The Independent Living Skills Program taught me the essential skills that I would need when I emancipated from the 'system.' I gained skills in money management, job training, being a good consumer, and basic educational skills. As a participant in the ILS program, my leadership potential surfaced and I was encouraged to join the California Youth Connection (CYC). CYC is a nonprofit organization that promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change in an effort to improve the foster care system in California. Through my participation with CYC, I have

gained professional experience in the public policy area and learned the importance of public participation in the policy-making process both locally and nationally. I had the unique opportunity to meet with the First Lady Hillary R. Clinton and discuss the Adoptions and Safe Families Act of 1997 when she visited the UC Berkeley campus. In the summer of 1998, I was hired as a full time staff person with CYC where I continue to advocate and improve the foster care system."

Joy Warren
(Female, Caucasian, age 25)
Contact: Joy Warren
203-785-8075

Joy was in foster care from the age of 13 until she emancipated at 18. Joy has two sisters, one of whom recently left foster care and one who is still in high school. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and is currently in her first year of law school at Yale University. Joy has been a very active advocate on behalf of foster youth, and has worked for both the Youth Law Center and the California Youth Connection (CYC). In collaboration with the staff director of CYC, Joy recently co-authored a book outlining foster youths' ideas about how the child welfare system needs to change in order to better serve young people in care.

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Terry Harrak
(Female, Middle Eastern, age 19)
LIFT Program
Residential Youth Services - Alexandria, VA
Living Independently for Tomorrow (LIFT) Program
Contact: Dr. Vera Jackson, CEO
703-548-8334

Terry entered foster care at age 16, after having spent several months on her own without any family support. She had just started her senior year in high school when she turned 18 and had to leave foster care. Terry was a full time student and did not have a job or a place to live. She became homeless, but continued to attend school full time while finding places to stay, including friend's homes, teacher's homes, the metro, and hospital emergency rooms. Terry graduated from high school in June of 1998, and soon after was able to become a participant in the LIFT program of Residential Youth Services in Alexandria, Virginia. In the six months that she has been with LIFT, Terry has learned to take care of an apartment, has received training in life skills and employment, has gotten a job, and is attending the local community college. Terry says that there should be a million LIFT programs to help foster kids.

Leah McBride,
(Female, African American, age 25)

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Lighthouse Youth Services – Cincinnati, Ohio
Contact: Mark Kroner, Program Director
513- 475-5680

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Leah grew up in the child welfare system, both in foster homes and in the Lighthouse Independent Living (IL) program. Her last year and a half in foster care were spent living on her own in this innovative program designed to promote self sufficiency by gradually turning over major life responsibilities gradually to the youth. While she was in the IL program, Leah was able to overcome a life threatening illness and other challenges due to her own tenacity and the support of program staff, other IL youth, and a former foster parent. Leah completed high school, left the child welfare system, completed her associates degree, and is currently pursuing a bachelors degree. Leah works part-time at Lighthouse teaching IL skills and mentoring youth who are participating in the IL program. She has spoken to hundreds foster care providers, business leaders, and other community members about the needs of older youth in the foster care system who are not able to return to their families and must become self-sufficient after leaving the foster care system. Leah spends a lot of time encouraging other foster youth to set goals, be persistent in working toward them, and to not let go of their dreams no matter what has happened in their past.

Terry Faye Yaden

(Female, Caucasian, age 21)

Orphan Foundation of America – Vienna, Virginia

Contact: Eileen McCaffrey, Executive Director

703-281-4226

Terri was 10 years old when she and her sister were sent to Cookson Hills, a Christian orphanage on the border of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Her early years were chaotic because of her mother's mental illness so the rural setting of the orphanage provided stability and a caring environment. Terri developed many interests and talents at Cookson Hills including public speaking, sign language, sports, and a commitment to public service.

As a Cookson Hills youth representative she escorted visitors around the facility and traveled across the United States speaking Baptist Congregations that supported the facility. Terri is now a junior in college at Oklahoma State University majoring in Early Education. In her sophomore year at Catholic University of America, she started a sign language club, which taught hearing students to sign so they could do volunteer work with in the deaf community.

Terri is a three time Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) scholarship recipient and an OLIVER Project participant which is a teen leadership program for foster youth. Terri has represented OFA and spoken out on foster care issues in meeting with her Senators and Congressman, in a policy forum at the Department of Health and Human Services and in the national media.

Terri Faye Yaden is a poised young lady who is using her foster care experience to change the public's often-negative perception of foster teens. Terri's charm and intelligence underscores the potential of every American foster child.

Joe Forsyth

(Male, Caucasian, age 19)

Casey Family Services – Shelton, Connecticut

Contact: Lee Mullane, Communications Director

203-929-3837

Joe Forsyth of Kensington, CT, entered foster care at the age of 11. He subsequently was sent to two state foster homes, a shelter and a residential facility before being placed with his current Casey Family Services foster home at age 14. With the help of his foster family, his Casey social worker, therapist, athletic coach and caring teachers, Joe has successfully formed a caring relationships with significant adults in his life

Joe applied himself in high school, joined the football and wrestling team and a won two time state wrestling champion. He also took Honors classes, did volunteer work as a police liaison for the UPBEAT program, mentored younger students and volunteered as a trainer for foster parent training classes at Casey. In 1998 Joe spoke about foster care reform at a policy seminar held on Capitol Hill.

At the time of his placement with the Casey Family Services, Joe was a kid on the brink of serious trouble. Yet, as he says, "with the help of my new family and my coaches I have turned myself around. My family told me that they would stand by when I needed them the most, such as when I was in the Hartford Detention Center. My family also helped my setting high expectations. People in the past had not set high expectations for me because they did not expect me to excel. They assumed that just because my life was unstable that I could do nothing positive. " They were wrong. Joe credits his high school wrestling coach with changing his life forever. "Coach helped me to develop self control and confidence in my academics and sports. He told me to focus on now and not on the past or the future. He taught me that the present is the most important part of my life, and that what I do now will affect the outcomes of my future and that if I make positive choices in the present then I will have an optimistic future."

Currently, Joe is a freshman at Springfield College (Massachusetts) where he received a full athletic scholarship totaling over \$22,000 in grants and awards. He is majoring in Applied Exercise Science.

Rico Shaw

(Male, African America, age 18)

UPS School-to-Work Program – Baltimore, Maryland

Contact: Kevin Garvey

301-604-4548

(more information coming)



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Bio for Analeah Charles

Described as a bright star by those who know her, Analeah Charles is a young adult in the care of New York City's Administration for Children's Service who approaches her life with dedication and responsibility. In March 1998, Analeah came into foster care as a voluntary placement and became a resident of a city-operated boarding home. Soon after coming into care, Analeah began participating in ACS's Independent Living (IL) Program and is currently an active member of the Program's Peer Leadership Council.

With support from the IL Program, Analeah has excelled academically. Determined to finish her high school education at a private Catholic school, Analeah secured a partial scholarship and pays the rest of her tuition with her earnings from a part-time job. She plans on attending college and has participated in the IL Program's SAT preparation and college application tutorials.

Engaging and resourceful, Analeah has earned her successes with hard work and determination. When there is food left over from an Independent Living event, Analeah personally brings it to the homeless shelter nearby. When she has a day off from school, she heads straight to work. And when there is a talent show, she sings. She represents the great success of programs that support and nurture foster children as they become young adults.

Administration for Children's Services' Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program assists young people in the transition from foster care to adulthood. Of the approximately 40,000 New York City foster children, nearly 5,000 are between 14 and 21 years old. Often, these young people have had their education interrupted, and have bleak prospects for housing and employment upon discharge. Many are without the support of a reliable and legally permanent family. The Independent Living Program trains these young people in the life skills they need to survive, and offers them assistance in pursuing their education, seeking employment, and locating safe and affordable housing. The Independent Living Program is designed to provide all types assistance and support to young people so that they have every opportunity to succeed as adults.

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Alumni Contact and Security Information**Margaret E. Duarte**

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Maureen P. Andrew (accompanying Margaret Duarte)

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DOB: P6/(b)(6)

John Moses Gutierrez

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Clare Cecilia Faulkner (accompanying John Gutierrez)

SS#: P6/(b)(6)

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Analeah Charles

P6/(b)(6)

SS#: P6/(b)(6)

DOB: P6/(b)(6)

Alfred Gene Perez

P6/(b)(6)

Phone: 510.237.6146

SSN: P6/(b)(6)

DOB: P6/(b)(6)

Janet Marie Knipe (accompanying Alfred Perez)

SS#: P6/(b)(6)

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Joy Warren

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Terry Harruck

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Leah I. McBride

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Terri Faye Yaden

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Joseph Forsyth

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Dorothy M. Forsyth (foster mother accompanying Joseph Forsyth)

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Blue Room Participants:

Event participants:

Secretary Donna Shalala

✓ John Gutierrez-Los Angeles, CA - speaker

✓ Terry Harrack-Alexandria, VA - speaker

Supporters/Foundation: 5-6 people

✓ Ruth Massinga, CEO, Casey Family Program ✓

✓ Richard Ford, President, Board of Trustees, Casey Family Program

✓ Robin Nixon, Child Welfare League of America

✓ Ralph Smith, Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation ✓

✓ Pat Letke, Christ House - ✓

✓ Judy Butler, Strategic Coordinator, National Foster Care Awareness Project ✓

Former Foster Care Youth:

✓ Margaret Duarte - Tuscon, AZ

Analeah Charles-Brooklyn, NY ✓

Alfred Gene Perez-San Pablo, CA ✓

✓ Joy Warren-California/New Haven, CT ✓

Leah McBride-Cincinnati, Ohio ✓

Terri Faye Yaden-Vienna, VA ✓

Joseph Forsyth-Shelton, CT and Dorothy Forsyth (foster mother)

Rico Shaw-Baltimore, Maryland ✓

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Date: January 26, 1999

Subject: Rico Anwar Shaw

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[003

- Age Ten- Mother died
Entered Foster Care system
- Age Seventeen- Referred by Social Worker (Elaine Wishnow) to local Welfare to work program
Program: Glenarden Campus of Opportunity- Larham, Maryland
- "Campus" career assessment- Uncovered need to earn a GED
Uncovered need to be employed for transfer to an independent living program
- Process- Entered a UPS Professional Job Readiness and Life Skills training class
Entered a GED program
Three weeks later- Interviewed by Endolyn Merritt of UPS
July 10, 1998- Hired at P6/(b)(6) per hour,
May, 1999- Scheduled to take GED exam
- Other Notes- Moved into his own apartment- September 28, 1998
Participated in Bowie, Fairmont Heights, Northwestern High School R.O.T.C. programs

To: butler@podesta.com
cc:
Subject: Joe Forsyth

Judy,

Something did get lost in the transmission. Here it is again. I've also added a bit more on the Casey programs.

To: butler@podesta.com
cc:
Subject: Joe Forsyth

Hi, Judy.

I am still pursuing Joe's name as it appears on his photo ID. I may have to get back to you (by e-mail or voice mail) over the weekend. Joe is en route to a wrestling match in New Hampshire.

Most believe he goes by Joseph Forsyth, and does not use a middle initial or his biological name at all, but I'll confirm.

In the meantime, here is a more complete profile.

Lee

Joseph (Joe) Forsyth, 19, of Kensington, CT, was removed from his biological family at age 11 after being subjected to abuse and neglect. He subsequently was sent to two state foster homes, a shelter and a residential facility before being placed with his current Casey Family Services foster home at age 14. With the help of his foster family, Bill and Dottie Forsyth, his Casey social worker, therapist, athletic coach and caring teachers, Joe has worked hard to resolve deep-rooted anger towards his birth parents. He has successfully formed a caring relationship with his foster family and changed his name legally to theirs. Bill and Dottie have three children of their own, and their oldest daughter is now in her fifth year at Springfield College. Bill is a systems analyst and Dottie is a psychiatric nurse and works in the juvenile corrections system.

Joe applied himself in high school, joined the football and wrestling team and won two time state wrestling champion. He also took Honors classes, did volunteer work as a police liaison for the UPBEAT program, mentored younger students and volunteered as a trainer for foster parent training classes at Casey. He graduated with a 3.6 grade point average. Another notable achievement was his speaking at the U.S. Senate Office Building forum in 1998 on foster care reform. Joe states, "I was elated to have shared my thoughts on how to reform the system."

At the time of his placement with the Forsyths, Joe was a kid on the brink of serious trouble. Yet, as he says, "with the help of my new family and my coaches I have turned myself around. My family told me that they would stand by when I needed them the most, such as when I was in the Hartford Detention Center. My family also helped my

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Currently, Joe is a freshman at Springfield College (Massachusetts) where he received a full athletic scholarship totaling over \$22,000 in grants and awards. He is majoring in Applied Exercise Science.

Joe benefited both from Casey Family Service's intensive foster care program and its transition to adulthood services. Casey's foster care program provides a comprehensive set of services and supports to foster families and children alike. Support groups, counseling, activities, respite, and continuity in the assignment of a caring, hands-on social worker have helped to make the difference for Joe. After turning 18, Casey Family Program has continued its contact with Joe, as it does with almost all foster children, and has approved additional financial assistance to help him with college-related expenses. Joe continues to assist Casey Family Services by speaking before groups of youngsters and foster parents alike.

Hartford, CT

Proposed Acknowledgments

States: Recognize MD, MA, MI (*per Robin Nixon*) as states with strong programs

Programs Represented by young people:

UPS School to Work

Lighthouse

Bridges

LIFT

NYC

CYC

Orphan Fnd.

The Casey Family Program-Tucson Division

Casey Family Services, faster care arm of The Annie E. Casey Fnd

Organizations:

David Liederman/ Child Welfare League of America, for its leadership on this issue

Foundations:

(The Annie E. Casey Foundation, a grant making foundation headquartered in Baltimore, and The Casey Family Program, an operating foundation headquartered in Seattle—both established by Jim Casey, co-founder of United Parcel Service)

Very special thanks to The Annie E. Casey Foundation and The Casey Family Program, two of the nations' largest foundations whose missions are dedicated to creating the conditions for children, youth and families to lead successful lives, grounded in their expertise drawn from decades of working directly with young people in foster care. Funds from these organizations have been critical in bringing the issue of youth transitioning out of foster care to the nation's attention. These two foundations and their public and private sector partners in the National Foster Care Awareness Project have nurtured and sustained a national effort to enhance services for young people leaving care.

Special recognition to Ruth Massinga, CEO and Richard Ford, President of the Board of The Casey Family Program and to Kent (Oz) Nelson, Chairman of the Board, Douglas Nelson, President, and Ralph Smith, Vice-President of The Annie E. Casey Foundation for their vision and diligence in this work.

The Casey Family Program

The Casey Family Program (TCFP) is a Seattle-based private operating foundation, established by Jim Casey, a founder of United Parcel Service, in 1966. The foundation provides planned, long-term family foster care for children and youth and operates out of 28 offices in 14 states. Casey services focus on preparing youth to successfully transition to adulthood. In addition, through national and local community partnerships, the Program aims to positively impact the lives of increasing numbers of children.

TCFP believes in creating permanent connections for children, which means a variety of services for children and youth. Casey provides adoption, long-term foster care, kinship care and family reunification services.

The Program also engages in partnerships in communities throughout the country. Collaboration and sharing of resources with public and private sector entities Casey is seeking new ways to make a difference in the lives of children, their families and communities.

TCFP is also committed to working with policy makers, other agencies, foundations and businesses to help improve private and public services for children and their families. The program is also working to raise public awareness about the realities of children living in foster care and their preparation to successfully transition into adulthood.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is dedicated to strengthening families by working with communities to improve the life chances of disadvantaged youth.

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Foster Care Participants 1/29

Margaret Duarte - Tuscon, AZ

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-accompanied by Maureen Andrew (Margaret's program director at The Casey Family Program)

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John Moses Gutierrez- Los Angeles, CA (Tentative Speaker)

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-accompanied by Clare Faulkner (John's programming person at United Friends of Children Bridges)

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Analeah Charles- Brooklyn, NY

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Alfred Gene Perez- San Pablo, CA

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-accompanied by Janet Marie Knipe (programming person at California Youth Connection)

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Joy Warren- California/New Haven, CT

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Terry Harrack- Alexandria, VA (Tentative Speaker)

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Leah McBride- Cincinnati, Ohio

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Terri Faye Yaden- Vienna, VA

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Joseph Forsyth- Shelton, CT

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-accompanied by Dorothy Forsyth (foster mother)

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Rico Shaw- Baltimore, Maryland

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-accompanied by Ms. Endolyn Merritt (Rico's programming person at UPS)

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*There may also be another woman with them, Judy Butler, who is the "greater organizer" of their participation.

Jody
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Coord Natl
Foster
care
Awarards
Project
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check on video

John's Remarks

- BIOS ✓
- COLUMN ✓
- scenario (social)
+ guest list