



Where Dreams Overcome Uncertainty

Imagine if you did not have the support of family to help you achieve your dreams.

Imagine attending a school where each year you saw your opportunities to learn new things

dwindle. *Imagine* looking into the eyes of your child, knowing you were their sole support. The Foundations at Fairplex see these stories every day, and with your support through donations, creates solutions through lifelong learning:

Spotlight - Phillip Peña Junior Fair Board

Phillip Peña was a regular at Cesar Chavez Park in Pomona, distributing food to the needy. He and his family would pack their van full of food from a local food bank and head to the park each week, prepared to feed hungry stomachs and offer spiritual uplift to rapacious souls through Bible study. So, it's no wonder that when he saw an opportunity to feed some

hungry bellies at Pomona's Garey High School, he jumped on it. This time, however, the entrepreneur in him took hold. Phillip would rise early each school morning to make breakfast burritos he sold to fellow classmates. "They called me the



Phillip Peña, Junior Fair Board Member

Burrito Man," Phillip recalls. Little did he know this endeavor, and his personal drive, would turn those burritos into a full-fledged plan for a restaurant.

Peña was chosen as a Junior Fair Board member with the Los Angeles County Fair Association in June. He spent the last year working throughout Fairplex and meeting as many new people within the community as possible. Peña put in well over the 40 hours required of Junior Fair Board members. "When I applied I had no idea what I was walking into. Then I thought, 'Out of more than 100 kids, they picked 21 and I am one of them.' I thought it would be a good experience. And I believe you earn what you get." Peña earned his \$1,000 scholarship, which he is putting to good use at Mt. San Antonio College. "I wanted to go to college since I was a kid, I just didn't know how I could do it." With generous support from donors like you, the boost he received with the JFB scholarship has helped him see the possibilities. He hopes to attend the Cordon Bleu and become a chef, with plans to open a Mexican food restaurant. "I don't want a big place. I just want to create my own recipes."

Spotlight - Kim Mayorquin Child Development Center

The Fairplex Child Development Center is often associated with ABCs and 123s, but CPR? That's how Kim Mayorquin feels. She says the CDC has brought her back to life, resuscitated her dreams for her and her son. A recovering drug addict, the single mom to Peyton had struggled when her son was a toddler. She worked while her grandmother took care of Peyton, but after Kim's grandmother had a stroke, Peyton was without a caregiver. A friend recommended the CDC. "Peyton was the last one accepted for the last spot." Still, how was she going to pay for this? "I was struggling financially; I was a single parent attending school. I had a job so I didn't qualify for any government assistance, and I didn't want to quit my job." The staff at the CDC helped Kim apply for child care tuition assistance through the California Department of Education. Once Peyton started at the CDC, Kim enrolled in the center's Pathways to Success' Family Literacy Program, which is sponsored by First 5, a state-wide program, funded through Proposition 10 (the 50-cent tax on cigarettes), which is dedicated to improving the lives of California's young children and their families. First 5 assists Kim with her college registration fees and

books. As part of the program's requirements, Kim attends parenting classes at the CDC, keeps her GPA up at Chaffey College and works in the accounting office at Armstrong Gardens Center.

"This is the best thing that could have happened," she said. "Peyton and I have been moving up since then. Everything that has happened since we've been at the CDC inspires me to do better for myself and Peyton. It has helped lay out a path for me."



Kim Mayorquin & Peyton
CDC parent and student

Imagine if we could help more Phillips and Kims. Think of the potential!
Imagine what can be done with your donations. The possibilities are endless. . .



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from your friends at the
Child Development Center

Imagine giving today

Contributions to a favorite non-profit organization often come in the form of simply putting a check in the mail, but there are several unique ways to give to the Foundations at Fairplex before the end of the year:

- Gift of Stock: Make your contribution before Dec. 31 and realize the full value of the write-off without having to pay tax on any gains.
- Donate Now Online Giving: New to the Foundations website has the Donate Now button. With a simple click, you can safely and securely donate to any of the foundations over the internet. Visit the website at fairplex.org.
- Matching Gifts: Check with your human resources department to see if your company has a matching gift program. This is an easy way to increase your support!
- Planned Gifts: Remember the Foundations at Fairplex in your estate planning.
- GoodSearch and eBay Giving Works: Visit goodsearch.com and enter "Foundations at Fairplex" as your selection. The search engine is powered by Yahoo and will donate a penny to the foundations for every search. For eBay Giving Works, visit givingworks.ebay.com/non-profit for information on how to donate part of what you sell on eBay.

Imagine if...

- you could help a student reach her goal of going to college.
- you could help build a child's love for the written word.
- you could put clay in the hands of a future artist.
- the next great clothing designer is sitting in a CTEC sewing class.
- you can make a difference in your community.
- you can make a difference in the world.



Be the catalyst that propels the next Picasso or a best-selling author. Send a donation in the enclosed envelope to the Foundations at Fairplex or call (909) 865-4206 or visit fairplex.org today and start making imagination a reality.

We Have the Tools, Now We Need the Teachers



The Foundations at Fairplex received a generous \$100,000 grant from the Ludwick Family Foundation, given expressly for the purposes of providing the "tools" to carry the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) throughout the next year. That means clay, textiles, machinery and other equipment.



So, we have the hammers, now we need the hands. The grant does not cover administrative costs, which mainly consists of teachers. This is where donors like you come in. CTEC is on the verge of becoming a sustainable community program, offering practical training for high school students who've lost such vital programming in their schools. What can you do to help those hammers nail boards into future homes? How

can you help a bobbin become a spring board to a career? To make a donation visit fairplex.org or call (909) 865-4206.

Not Another Coffeehouse Gift Card!

Try This Holiday Gift Giving Alternative

This holiday season, what do you give the person who has everything? A donation to the Foundations at Fairplex made in their honor. Make a contribution in any denomination for friends, family, business associates or acquaintances. Receive a lovely holiday card announcing your gift, which you can send to the honoree. Does anyone really want another fruitcake or gift card to a ubiquitous coffeehouse? This is the feel-good gift of the season. Contact the Development Department at (909) 865-4206 for a "personal shopper" who will assist you in completing your gift list.



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