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Newsletter For StandUp For Kids- Orange County

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Celebrating Our

**20TH
YEAR**


Of Serving Orange County

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MELANY'S JOURNEY FROM GRAD TO INTERN

Youth Graduate Spotlight: Melany

Having utilized the programs and services from StandUp for Kids herself, Melany has extensively shown commitment, drive, and passion in her new role as an intern. After graduating in May, Melany committed herself to fulfilling a paid internship under StandUp for Kids, giving her work experience under the organization's guidance. Melany is responsible for helping organize and guiding other youth through our program's food pantry. She has been adaptable, supporting all departments as needed, specifically our programming department, and filing paperwork for assisted youth. Our organization has benefited greatly in efficiency from Melany's dedication and work ethic.

It (the internship) has made my life overall positive, and it has been a good responsibility to have after graduating. It's given me a routine and reminds me of school with its quiet environment. It's really nice to have something positive to focus on

-Melany



ROADMAP TO SUCCESS:



Increased school and employment opportunities



Mentorships



Accessible Resources



Emotional Intelligence Training



Employment Readiness

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NEW SHOES, NEW MOTIVATION



We spent quality time with our youth and community members, distributing 100 pairs of shoes and socks to the youth. Of the greatest needs asked of youth experiencing homelessness, 72% share that shoes are essential. As a result, 79% report increased physical activity, and having new shoes gives 95% of youth more confidence, making them excited to attend and participate in new opportunities, join extracurricular activities, and more. By increasing general equity, we acknowledge a positive correlation between new shoes and overall performance from youth, academically and socially. We are grateful to everyone who participated and to the youth for attending this event.

100 Shoes to 100 Youth

This past month, we had the privilege of partnering with UnitedHealthcare to host a shoe donation event. We organized a bright and cheerful morning in the park for our youth. The event featured motivational speeches by prominent personalities, including the city of Costa Mesa officials and LA Charger Linebacker, Kenneth Murray Jr. Our aim was to inspire the youth to overcome obstacles and pursue their aspirations.



**SPECIAL
THANKS
TO:**

UnitedHealthcare
Dream Builders Foundation
Kenneth Murray Jr.
Icon Sports
City of Costa Mesa
Lori Ann Farrell-Harrison
Volunteers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 22



Help us reach our goal of \$200,000 at StandUp for Kid's 20th anniversary gala. Proceeds will benefit our lifechanging programs. Join us for a night of drinks, dinner, silent auction, and live entertainment from award winning band the Lucky Devils, and more!

Hosted by one of the most acclaimed catering and events company in Southern California, 24 Carrots Catering and Events.

Buy your tickets here:
<https://bit.ly/sufkgala2023>



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Celebrating 20 Years

2023

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