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### Supporting Parents

#### Father Aims for New Life with Son

Unable to make ends meet, J.C. was homeless until he found assistance at the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) Access Center in Santa Monica. After receiving basic emergency services, J.C. has case management support to get his life back on track.

When the mother of his son suffered from a mental illness, his son was taken into custody. J.C. determined to keep his son out of the foster system in the long term. To do it, he would need to take proactive steps to improve his circumstances, starting right away.

With the assistance of OPCC, J.C. applied for one-time financial assistance from the Pass It Along Fund at CCF. Soon after, he received enough money to purchase parenting books and take classes as recommended by the family court system. While still homeless, he completed a culinary arts program and a program for homeless people seeking employment.

Recently, he moved into a low rent apartment, achieving a level of stability that he'll need to secure a job and reunite with his son.

To honor the requirement of the Pass It Along Fund that beneficiaries reciprocate with acts of kindness to others, J.C. has committed to being an OPCC Access Center volunteer preparing and serving meals, and distributing donated clothing to homeless individuals and families.

Like others who have been helped by the Pass It Along Fund, J.C. is on the road to a better life for himself and his son.

#### Mother Leaves Abuser, Gets New Start

When a battered woman finally gathers the courage to leave her abuser, that’s not the end of the story – it’s just the beginning.

L.S., a mother of three, escaped an abusive relationship but faced an array of new challenges. Left without an income, she sold all of her possessions and moved her family into a cramped, one-bedroom apartment. At the same time, she was trying to manage her own and her family’s emotional distress. L.S. needed comprehensive support to establish a new life.

She found that support at the Chinatown Service Center and with assistance from the Pass It Along Fund.

With a grant of $4,300 from the Pass It Along Fund, L.S. was able to pay the security deposit and the first and last month’s rent for a new two-bedroom apartment. The grant also included the purchase of two beds and a refrigerator, and three months of utility payments and transportation costs.

This new stability, as well as services such as family counseling and child care support through the Chinatown Service Center, will enable L.S. to find new clients for her house cleaning and cooking business.

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