

The Grace Foundation of Texas



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Volunteer/Donation information

Houston Gala Event

November 21, 2009

6:30-10PM

Warehouse Live

813 St. Emanuel Street Houston, TX 77003

Tickets: \$50/Tables for 10 \$500

Sponsorship

The Grace Foundation of Texas was established in 2006 by co-founders Patrice Pike and Todd Young in response to the needs of a single young person they were moved to directly assist. Her name is Grace, and our foundation is named for her. She has a deep and compelling story with an incredible, heartfelt, positive and life-affirming conclusion. From this success story, and with our founders' compunction to help this single individual, The Grace Foundation's mission began.

Now in our third year, The Grace Foundation of Texas has awarded scholarships to 4 young adults in the Austin, Texas area! Our fundraising efforts are limited to 1 event per year, we count on every passionate individual to attend, donate, and volunteer to help support our very important and much needed efforts.

We need your help: It is estimated that 25 to 40 percent of youth "emancipated" from the foster care system become homeless within 2 to 4 years. According to the State Report Card on Child Homelessness (2009), Texas ranks worst of all 50 states on the incidence of homeless children and also on the policy and planning indicators that increase the risk for child homelessness. While some support is available to Texas youth who have been in the child and family services system to assist them with transitioning to adulthood, the support abruptly ends once they reach 21, at which time they "age out". These young adults in their early to mid twenties who have aged out are particularly vulnerable as they often lack the life skills and resources to successfully navigate their independence. Furthermore, they may suffer untreated health problems including mental health problems, isolation, low educational attainment, no health insurance or employment and may raise children of their

own under these circumstances.

Please Save the Date for our Event

Get on the Mailing List to be informed when tickets go on sale at www.gracetexas.org/houston.html

Donate money

<http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donate>

Please select Grace Foundation Fund in the drop-down menu.

Donate items for the auction

Please fill out the attached forms, or send us an email at info@gracetexas.org

Join the team!

Sign up to volunteer as a committee person, or volunteer.

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Mission Statement

A community-based organization dedicated to helping provide healthcare, education, career training and job placement to young adults who have survived homelessness. The Grace Foundation helps young adults who have demonstrated a desire to leave the streets in order to begin cultivating a more fulfilling life. By partnering with other organizations such as Lifeworks Austin the Grace Foundation is able to provide multiple avenues for job placement, career training, college funding and health and dental treatment.

Vision Statement

The Grace Foundation of Texas is responding to the financial gap that exists for young adults who have survived childhood/teenage homelessness and have aged out of the existing support systems currently available to them. Grace hopes to act as a financial bridge for higher education, health and wellness, mentorship, and reentry into society by awarding individual financial scholarships.

- 1) Criteria-young adults aged 18-30
- 2) Criteria-young adults who have survived childhood/teenage homelessness
- 3) Criteria-young adults who have aged out or are about to age out of the existing system of services
- 4) Criteria- young adults based on their past ability to utilize existing services, such as, job placement opportunities, schooling & education, mentoring, housing and any social impact they may have fostered.
- 5) We utilize existing community based services to identify our young adults, such as LifeWorks, and YouthWorks.
- 6) We provide a finite scholarship amount
- 7) We require updates and mentoring for our awardees
- 8) We require financial oversight to ensure the monies being spent are appropriate expenditures.

- 9) We create individualized plans for each awardees based on need.
- 10) We monitor awardees success in the following areas for accountability towards the Foundation. Tuition reporting, grades, part-time jobs, job satisfaction, maintain housing responsibilities and general life goal fulfillment.
- 11) If the awardees cannot maintain level of responsibility scholarships can be retracted.
- 12) We plan to limit the consecutive number of awardees per city to 10 per city. Once a scholarship has been fulfilled we accept submissions for scholarship consideration.

GOALS

- 13) We intend to expand in to the following cities, Austin, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.
- 14) We intend to create a volunteer mentorship program for each city -3 per city.
- 15) We intend to engage in community dialogue to educate and expand the mission of the Grace Foundation of Texas

Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Player \$20,000

- ➡ Private concert with Patrice Pike for your company/clients date and time to be determined by sponsor
- ➡ Twenty (20) complimentary Benefit tickets with reserved concert seating
- ➡ Ten (10) complimentary VIP Reception tickets, which includes autographed photos with Patrice Pike
- ➡ Premier recognition with company name and/logo in all advertising and promotional materials, including event signage, Benefit programs and invitations (minimum of 20 placements)
- ➡ Company name/logo displayed on stage during the Benefit
- ➡ Special acknowledgment onstage during Benefit

Gold Record \$10,000

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Silver Star \$5,000

➡ Ten (10) complimentary Benefit tickets

➡ Four (4) complimentary VIP reception tickets, with autographed photos with Patrice Pike

➡ Company name and/or logo listed in select advertising and promotional materials (minimum 5 placements)

➡ Recognition in Benefit program

Founding \$3,000

➡ Ten (10) complimentary Benefit tickets

➡ Four (4) complimentary VIP reception tickets, with autographed photos with Patrice Pike

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The Grace Foundation of Texas is a pending 501(c)3 non-profit organization.