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Penny Beaulieu
The Community Foundation
3700 Sixth Street #200
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Penny,

Thank you for your grant of \$10,000 to support our food pantry program from the S. L. Gimbel Foundation received on January 23rd. We are grateful for your support of Friends For Life and people like Jacqueline.


Jacqueline always has a smile on her face and kind words to share with others, but life has not always been so kind to her. Jacqueline first found out she was HIV positive on February 5, 2012 while she was living in a homeless shelter. At first, she had a hard time accepting the news, but she knew that she needed help. She had heard of Friends For Life from some of her friends, so she contacted our offices.

Jacqueline was immediately connected with one of our Peer Mentors from our Early Intervention Services department. They helped her navigate processes at the Health Department and helped her fill out all the necessary paperwork to receive her Ryan White Certification Card to access medical care. Recently, she has been coming to our Positive Living Center, where she has been able to meet other people who are HIV positive and learn from their experiences with the virus. Jacqueline also started attending classes in our Wellness University.

When asked what Friends For Life means to her, Jacqueline says she "truly appreciates us." Friends For Life has not only helped her learn about herself, but we have also helped her grow as a person. She looks forward to learning more about herself and her journey into the future.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe haven for Jacqueline and so many others. Your gifts make our work possible.

Sincerely,


Kim Daugherty, LMSW
Executive Director