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## Partner for Progress Donation Form



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**You Can Begin Again  
You Can Begin Again Too, Inc.**



## 2013 Annual Report

**" Women Empowering Women;  
Women Empowering Themselves"**

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A Founder and Executive Director of “You Can Begin Again/You Can Begin Again Too, Inc.,” I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you as we made it through 2013. This has proven to be one of the toughest years since we opened our first home. We made it through the government sequestration and the government shut down which had a tremendous affect on YCBA/YCBAT. Our housing vouchers were put on hold from Feb.-Dec. 2013 and we were not able to campaign much during the Federal Campaign season, but in spite all that our vision is still clear and intact. I believe what caused the most grief was all the young women that called throughout the year that we could not help.

My hearts desire is to become more financially stable this year through grants and focusing on **“Partners for Progress”**.

We have a couple of different ongoing fundraisers throughout the year and we all can participate.

- ◆ Sacrifice a meal or a cup of coffee each week and donate the funds to YCBA/YCBAT
- ◆ If you or someone you know is planning on buying or selling a home call Phillip D. Eisendrath CRS,GRI,MRE, RE/MAX MASTERS Inc. 303.548.3000 he will donate 10%
- ◆ Increase our Volunteer base (grant writers those who have great ideas for fundraising)

YCBA/YCBA, still provided housing and services to six young women and 1 child throughout the year and we thank each of you for all your help.

We reiterate, we could not have had the impact on the lives of these young women emancipating from the foster care system without your generous support, and we salute you! With your continued help, we look forward to helping even more young women in 2014.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Winifred (Tina) Carter

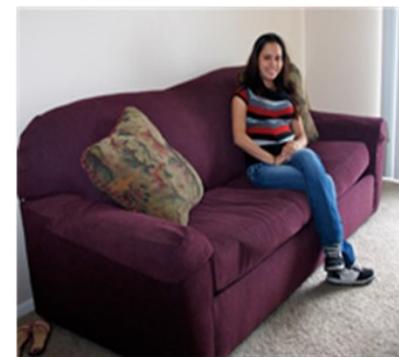
## Testimony



You Can Begin Again was more than a blessing it was miracle for my life. At age 21 I was homeless after being in foster care my whole life an had no where to go and had given up on all my dreams and aspirations. I remember the day I met Tina like it was yesterday. I called her and set up an appointment at Village Inn. She was the sweetest woman I had ever met and I was so nervous she would judge me and look down at me for my circumstances, She paid for my lunch and she didn’t judge me. She told me about her past and how You can begin again started. The first thing I thought was If woman so strong as her went through all she went through then I just need to trust in God and believe I can get through anything too! Ms. Tina RUSHED me into my apartment in a weeks time, no one not my parents, not my foster parents and not even my adopted mother had ever been so willing to help me out, and here was this stranger doing her best to get me into a stable living situation that I yearned for terrible. I moved in not only to a classy apartment but fully furnished with everything any 21 girl could ask for! I was set, I felt like the luckiest girl alive! From then on My dream, goals and aspirations that had been buried inside of me had come alive again and that’s when my dream as a designer FLOURISHED.

Kayla Unique Weston

## Testimony



You Can Begin Too have made a huge difference in my life I started off basically homeless at the age of 18 years old just leaving the foster care system then a year later I found You Can Begin Again Too. When meeting Ms. Tina my case manager she took the time to go over the program with me set up a goal plan and in a couple of weeks I was in my own apartment on my way to a second chance. So far the program has thought me to be an independent individual women by teaching me responsibility team work and goal settings. Ms. Tina and the team of You Can Begin Again has gave me the strength to push myself into a healthy young lady and working with Ms. Tina is awesome she’s a good support person and when times are hard she never judges just takes time to understand. The next steps in my way to success would be to complete my high school diploma and learn motherhood my goals are to become a success full cosmetologist and mother. I believe when my goals are met I can honestly and proudly say You Can Begin Again Too made it all possible without this program I wouldn’t know where to start or begin as a new mother.

Thank You!!!!

Sincerely Mona Lisa Luna

## Financials

### Statement of Activity Jan.1-Dec. 31, 2013

#### Functional Expenses:

Program Services-41,551

Supporting Services:-2,939

**Total-44,490**

#### Revenue:

Individual Contributions-1,950

In-Kind Donations- 28,066

Grants-1,000

Fund Raising/Other Income-9,176

Board Member Contributions-3,589

**Total-43,781**

**Balance—(709)**

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## Partner Letter

You Can Begin Again/ You Can Begin Again Too, Inc., a Colorado 501 c(3) nonprofit agency that has determined to make a marked difference in the lives of young women who need a second chance.

We would like for you to consider becoming a **You Can Begin Again/You Can Begin Again Too "Partner for Progress."** Why? We believe it will be a opportunity for you to help financially provide program support to young women who have been emancipated from, the foster care system. Or, to other young women who need help but don't qualify for governmental assistance. We all want to do our part in conquering this epidemic of homelessness in Colorado.

By committing to a monthly amount or a one time donation we can get the job done together. We need all the help we can get and thankfully accept all the help we are offered. Please know that we take seriously this request we are making, as we promise to fully cooperate in the successes we desire.

We'd be happy to answer any and all questions about partnering with You Can Begin Again/You Can Begin Again Too that you may have. We can be reached at 720.300.0029, [www.youcanbeginagain.org](http://www.youcanbeginagain.org), or [ucanbeginagn@aol.com](mailto:ucanbeginagn@aol.com). All donations can be sent to:

**You Can Begin Again  
P.O. Box 472823  
Aurora CO 80047**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Gratefully,  
Winifred (Tina) Carter

## Services Provided

**We** provide participants with affordable, safe housing in a apartment setting where they will be expected to master transitional living skills, as a result of the range of interventions offered by YCBA/YCBAT, Inc.

**2.We** collaborate with different agencies to insure participants obtain resources needed as they work toward self -sufficiency.

**3.We** place focus on enabling participants to meet basic survival needs as they explore options and opportunities to improve their lives.

**4.We** guide participants in developing "Individualized Growth Plans" that identify measurable outcomes for educational, interpersonal, and rewarding community involvement.

**5.We** facilitate changes in the lives of participants so that they may live lives of independence and interdependence.

**6.In** the spirit of "each one help one; each one teach one," we have designed a research and evaluation component to widely disseminate "Lessons Learned" and "Paths Forward" that may be replicated among other at-risk youth programs.

## Donors 1,000 +

Thomas Bean Foundation  
Rev. Tina Carter

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## 2013 Volunteers

Marla Baker  
Jerome Benton  
Aaliyah Carter  
Di'ema Carter  
Fred Carter  
Chantez Canty  
Ayana Crosby  
Brian Delph  
Meisha Gant  
Justin Hansen  
Adrienne Lewis  
Janay Lewis  
Tamesha Macklin  
Kaitlyn Muniz

## Partners for Progress

Nina Carter  
Mona Sumblin

## Partnerships

Arapahoe Douglas Works  
Caring Connections  
Colorado Non-Profit Association  
Dress for Success  
The House Worship Center  
LLC-A'Star's Photography  
Mile High United Way/Bridging the Gap  
Power House Church  
Treasure House of Hope

## Testimony



A growing flower is what I call myself before joining You Can Begin Again, I was just soil waiting for my chance to grow. This program was the best thing that happened to me, it has turned me into a beautiful young lady. I've been through so much in my life, I needed so much support and guidance and I found that and so much more through Ms. Tina. She's way more than my mentor she's a mother figure. I never went without anything when she became apart of my life. There have been many times where we didn't see eye to eye but deep down I knew she knew what was best for me. Whenever I was ready to give up she was always there to keep me focused. My favorite line was *"this is doing too much"* and she would say *"no you are not doing enough"*. She pushed me to the point where I didn't hate her I appreciated her so much more. She was the water I needed to my soil and slowly I started growing. It was hard I am not going to lie but I finished school and was blessed with a great job. The best thing out of it all, I built a mother daughter bond with Ms. Tina and my life is becoming more successful, and even though my time is up I know I'll always have her by my side. I grew into a beautiful flower with the help of a little water. I can't wait to see all the other beautiful flowers that You Can Begin Again has in process soon to be a successful garden full of all types of beautiful different flowers. We all can use a little water.

Thank you for never giving up on me, everything makes so much more sense. I am on my own little road to success.

Thank You

Adrienne Marie Lewis