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



2017 Annual Report

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

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As 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 2017. We are still in the building and re-structuring process. This year, we have not taken in any new clients but we are fine tuning the program to help us assist them in a greater way.

We are excited about 2018, we have participated in the Topeka Gives giving campaign, we are still working with Caring Connections and we look at opening our first home in Kansas by the third quarter of 2018.

Most importantly we are promoting **Project 3,000**, we ask each of you to help us reach our goal to provide affordable quality housing to the young women in our program. We incorporated in 2008 and opened our first homes in 2010, and we have served approximately 20 women and 8 children. Our vision is still clear and intact and we are looking forward to the greater.

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

- ◆ **Project 3000**, we are looking for 3000 people to donate 5.00 a week, 20.00 a month or 260.00 per year. to YCBA/YCBAT
- ◆ If you or someone you know is planning on buying or selling a home call Phillip D. Eisendrath CRS,GRI,MRE, **Eisendrath Properties Unlimited 303.548.3000 he will donate 10%**
- ◆ Increase our Volunteer base (grant writers, fundraisers, case managers, administrators)

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 2018.

Sincerely,
Winifred (Tina) Carter

Where Are They Now 2017

Testimony

Monroe Threadz



SS 2016

The last three years of my life after being a part of You Can Begin Again have honestly been blessed overtime. I've totally transformed into a confident, smarter woman. Ms. Tina and her program helped me build my life, my start up fashion line and helped me learn the importance of saving to where I was able to move my business to LA! Ms. Tina's program helped me to build responsibility, know how to save properly, showed me independence and helped show me my worth without depending on anyone else. Right after my time ended with the program I was able to save enough to where I started a new life in California, I live in a 3-bedroom house, I'm self-employed making money from two ideas I've had and like I said I'm SO BLESSED! I was able to perfect my craft and for that I'm a successful fashion designer and seamstress.

Ms. Tina was a mother I never had and gave me the space I needed to grow as a young adult. I can truly say she was an angel to my lonely life. If it wasn't for You Can Begin Again I would've never got to take the time to really focus on my future and my business; Monroe Threadz or be living in California. I look back and smile because this program came into my life at the perfect time. If your reading this, it's because this program has come into your life at the right time to... Don't let it pass by you. I made a lot of mistakes so I hope you can take my advice and move even faster.

Advice; Be open and completely positive. Ms. Tina is an intelligent, sweet woman who knows what she's talking about thru experience and thru all the girls she's helped out. She's here to help not judge, luckily she keeps it real though so take advantage of her wisdom while you can. When your time is up you'll wish you still had her undivided attention. TAKE ADVANTAGE! PRAY... Ms. Tina is a woman of God so she's very well in tuned with God, so pray over yourself and pray that God gives Ms. Tina the right words to say so that she gives you the best advice to lead you to a stable, happy, successful future! Last but not least TAKE THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE. You now have bypassed the stress of accomplishing a huge life goal; place to lay your head, furniture and stability. So focus more on what you're going to do next and how you're going to use this blessing to get you ahead, rather than living in the past and worrying about boys, friends and worldly things. Those things will ALWAYS be there so make sure you really focus on YOU and now YOU WILL BEGIN AGAIN.

With love,
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 woman 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, 2017

Functional Expenses:

Program Services-11,755.00

Supporting Services:-1393.00

Total-13,148

Revenue:

Individual Contributions-470.00

In-Kind Donations- 19,200

Grants-1,000

Fund Raising/Other Income-6,930.00

Board Member Contributions-900.00

Total-28,500

Balance-15,352

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Partner Letter

You Can Begin Again/ You Can Begin Again Too, Inc., a Colorado/Kansas 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 an 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 and Kansas.

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, or ucanbeginagn@aol.com. All donations can be sent to:

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

**Or
2401 SE 11th St,
Topeka KS 66607**

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 +

Dist. Missionary Evg. Tina Carter
Phillip Eisendrath
Open Arms Outreach Ministries
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2017 Volunteers

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Topeka Chamber of Commerce

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