



Photos from the SOLD OUT Creekside Cocktails & Cuisine Event.

HELLO FALL!

UPCOMING JONATHAN'S PATH EVENTS



Richland Country Club



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2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY HOSTED BY VRABEL YOUNG MEN'S COLLABORATIVE

Friday, December 1st

This private event is for teen boys ages 13+ in foster care or extension of foster care held at the TN Titans practice facility. VYMC helps young men navigate the day-to-day struggles of early adulthood.

Founded by Mike & Jen Vrabel of the Tennessee Titans and Dean Porterfield, Director of Arch Academy, this incredible group of young men are the heartbeat of the event planning every detail from start to finish.

**Make a Christmas
Wish Come True**

GATHERING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Thursday, December 7th 6pm- 9pm

Hosted by Quattro Capital

Maximize Your Giving Potential with The Quattro Giving Fund

A new path for a teen in foster care and teens aging out of foster care starts with your support. Join us for a evening of craft cocktails & heavy hors d'oeuvres at Stable Reserve on Main Street in Franklin. **Meet the youth and hear their stories of how Jonathan's Path is changing lives!**

Attire: Holiday causal/Smart Causal

Location: Stable Reserve, 412 Main St, Franklin TN

GET TICKETS



12 Days of Giving with TN's First Lady Maria Lee

Each year at the TN Governor's Residence, Governor and First Lady Lee highlight five non-profits from around the state, each with a decorated tree, and ask guests that attend the Christmas tours to bring items for donation to benefit those organizations. Jonathan's Path was selected as one of the five 2023 non-profits in the state!

Our Christmas Tree theme is "Flipping Foster Care Upside Down" with a tree that is sure to catch a few eyes. The ribbons represent paths to a permanent and stable home. The letters to Santa are actual wishes or conversations from teens in foster care and young adults in EFC.

We hope you will take a tour of the Tennessee Residence or choose to act during one of the 12 Days of Giving. Jonathan's Path will be featured in their holiday campaign on December 4th. Be sure to follow **First Lady Lee's** social posts for more information. Tours are free of charge, and reservations are required.

Each charity creates a wish list of items that tour goers can bring and put under the trees. Here is list of items were collecting this season for boys and girls in foster care.

- Young adult books (ages 12+)
- Cozy Blankets / Throws /Weighted blankets
- Fuzzy/warm socks
- Board Games / Card Games
- New sweatshirts teen boys and girls all sizes

Pictured below left to right:
Jase DuRard (JP Co-Founder), Jenn Rasmussen (JP Volunteer), First Lady Maria Lee (Amazing Lady), Carrie DuRard (JP Executive Director), Brianna Lee (JP Youth)

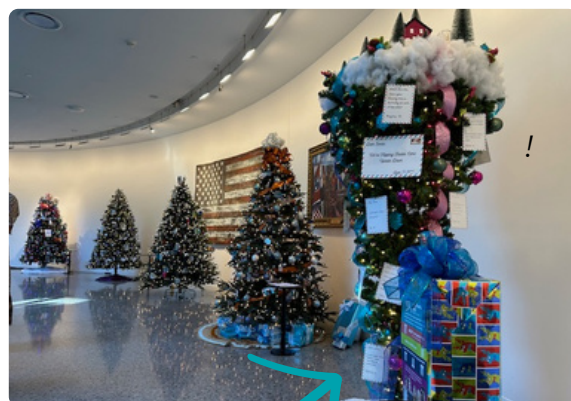
Tour Dates:

- Friday, Dec. 1
- Saturday, Dec 2
- Sunday, Dec. 3
- Thursday, Dec. 7
- Friday, Dec 8
- Saturday, Dec 9
- Sunday, Dec. 10.

**Reserve Your
Free Tour
Tickets!**



One of these trees is not like the other



The Path Line

"Every teen deserves the opportunity of a new path."

The Path Line launched just over a month as a direct line of hope for youth in foster care and extension of foster care (EFC) ages 13 and up. This is a direct line for teens and young adults to reach out for immediate support. Since it's launch, we have over 10 youth in our program needing a variety of support services including independent living, education and medical.

"I've been in foster care since I was 13 years old. I'm 20 now and in extension of foster care. Jonathan's Path has helped me more in 3 weeks than the last 7 years."

~ B, 20

"Before reaching out to The Path Line, I felt worried a lot. Now I feel better and know I have support."

~V, 18

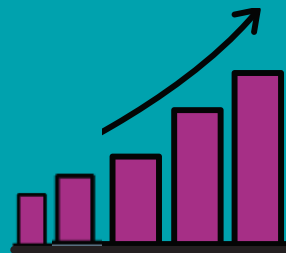
TennCare won't cover orthodontics and my really crooked teeth are embarrassing. Now I get to have a pretty smile like everyone else.

~S, 13

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Open Services
in Progress

- Clothing (sports, shoes, etc)
- Career Engagement
- Driving Lessons/ License
- Education: Tutoring/ GED
- Gym Membership
- Independent Living (Housing, etc.)
- Medical/ Dental/ Orthodontics
- Mental Health
- Technology



Progress survey of JP Youth shows feeling of hope for the future increased from 3 to 5!

FRIENDS OF JONATHAN'S PATH

The opportunity of a new path starts with community & corporate support. We believe every organization has something to offer beyond monetary donations. A new path takes community support to get these youth successfully launched into adulthood. Let us know how you can help!

- Mentors / Volunteers - Get your company involved!
- Career Opportunities - Seeking entry level jobs opportunities
- Discounts for Services - Clothing, restaurants,
- Living Accommodations - Seeking apartments, condos, houses.
- Health/Medical - Seeking orthodontists, mental health professionals.
- Yard & Lawn Care - Seeking job opportunities and mentorship
- Auto Dealerships - Seeking partners to help find low cost automobiles, financing
- Athletic & Sports - Seeking experiences, mentorships, coaching, training
- Arts/Music/Entertainment - Seeking lessons, experiences, mentorships,

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FRIENDS OF JONATHAN'S PATH - SPOTLIGHT

Did you know youths in foster care lose FOUR to SIX months of academic progress with every school move? In 2020, 33.7% of children in the Tennessee foster care system were placed in three or more homes in their first 12 months in custody.



This is why we are thrilled to welcome **Thrive Tutoring** as Friend of Jonathan's Path, local organizations that partner with us to offer the highest level of care and services. Thrive Tutoring is a boutique service in Tennessee for one-on-one, in-home academic tutoring, academic intervention and test preparation. Katy Schmitt, CEO of Thrive Tutoring: "Our collaboration with Jonathan's Path aligns with our mission to provide deserving students with the best possible educational support. Together, we can offer a high-quality educational experience that prepares students for success in school and beyond."

Thrive Tutoring is already preparing some of our teens for their HISET exam to achieve their GED and high school math tutoring. We are excited to join forces with Thrive Tutoring to create a comprehensive educational experience for students. By combining our strengths, we aim to empower students to thrive academically and personally!

A PATH HOME: 2023 CAMPAIGN



It takes many steps to build a path to our first home. Every dollar goes towards our mission for all foster care teenagers to have a place to call home and chance to fulfil their dreams from the moment their arrive into foster care and beyond.

Our 2023-2024 Goals

- Meet the mental, physical, education and emotional needs for over 400 teenagers in Middle Tennessee.
- Currently, we are 100% volunteer driven. We need to hire a full time Development Director that will focus on corporate support, grants and state/federal support.
- Increase social media following by 150%
- Increase monthly recurring donorship by 100%

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR!





A Note from JP's Executive Director

While speaking with a teen that just joined our program last week, he reminded me that the core of what these youth need goes beyond services. He reached out to Jonathan's Path via The Path Line and simply stated I need help with independent living. However, once we got to know him, the real need surfaced. He craved to be seen, to belong and have a purpose.

For teens in foster care/EFC, the instability and disruptions in their living situations and personal lives can often undermine their sense of self-worth and belonging. It is imperative to recognize the inherent dignity of every young person and afford them the respect and support necessary for their personal growth. So what makes our program so different or successful? It's what we do in between the services every single day, such as a text message of encouragement in the middle of the day, making a big deal out of accomplishing something most take for granted, offering the tough love talks followed by hug, picking them back up on the days they fall, and never giving up. Giving them dignity by leveling the playing field, purpose by listening and helping them discover what dreams are made of is what every foster child deserves.

Recognizing the potential in every youth, irrespective of their past circumstances, not only ensures their dignity but also contributes to breaking the cycle of adversity that may persist across generations. Join us on our mission to change the lives of teens in foster care one at a time.

Carrie DuRard

Carrie DuRard, Co-Founder / Executive Director

THANK YOU EVENT SPONSORS & PARTNERS !

Lots of opportunities to support teens in foster care - ask us how to get involved!





Jonathan's Path

SUPPORTING TEENS IN FOSTER CARE

Jonathan's Path is the only organization in TN that offers stable placement and full wrap-around services for youth ages 13 to young adulthood.



ABOUT JONATHAN'S PATH

www.jonathanspath.org

WHO IS JONATHAN?



THEIR PATH STARTS WITH YOUR SUPPORT



"ALL IT TAKES TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR TEENS IN FOSTER CARE IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A NEW PATH."

