



**CHILDREN YOUTH AND  
FAMILY COLLABORATIVE**

*24 Carat Christmas*

A CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE

---

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 2023**

**12 NOON**

**HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3320 W. ADAMS BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90018**



# CYFC

## *Holiday Festival*

For a foster child, Christmas can be anything but merry. This year things will be not be any better for youth in foster care. On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Holman United Methodist Church, the Children Youth and Family Collaborative will celebrate its 24 Carat Christmas for 2,000 youth in foster and kinship care.

To help make the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival successful for children and youth, we are reaching out to individuals and businesses both large and small in hopes of gathering an unprecedented level of community support.

Through our annual Holiday Festival, the Children Youth and Family Collaborative strives to recognize the strengths of foster youth and provide a warm environment to celebrate the season. The Holiday Festival is a great opportunity to get in the spirit of the holiday season by making monetary donation, hosting a toy drive, donating toys, or volunteering to help with the event. You can be assured that 100% of your tax deductible donation will go towards gifts for the children.

We hope that you will see the value in partnering with the Children Youth and Family Collaborative in support of the community's foster youth.





# WHY

## *It's Important To Help*

Los Angeles has the highest population of foster youth in the state of California.

Foster youth face many challenges in their daily lives often struggling with academics and positive social development.

Too often foster youth are shifted from foster home to foster home and do not have the opportunity to develop a sense of security.

Many foster youth remain withdrawn and cautious, never unpacking that "survival bag" kept on hand in the event they are asked to leave. Separated from family and often their siblings, foster youth feel alone, isolated, and unnoticed at the time of year that most children are dreaming of new toys and special family memories.

## *24 Carat Christmas*





# A "UNITED" RESPONSE *to Serve Foster Youth*

The Children Youth and Family Collaborative is a nationally recognized organization serving youth in foster care, kinship care and system involved youth in 65 schools in Los Angeles, Pomona, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Lynwood, Compton, Pasadena and Inglewood Unified School Districts. CYFC utilizes a holistic approach to improve the educational outcomes of foster youth and youth on probation. The agency is one of 49 agencies nationwide to receive an Innovation Grant from the nation's largest education funder for the Academic Remediation Intervention Support Services and Education Program (A.R.I.S.S.E.), which improves academic outcomes for foster youth.

## THE NEED....

- Los Angeles County has the nation's largest foster care system with over 30,000 children under its jurisdiction.
- Once youth leave the foster care system at age 18, 50% are unemployed, 30% are dependent on public assistance, 25% are incarcerated, and over 40%-60% will be homeless within six months of emancipation.
- 50% of foster youth drop out of high school. Approximately 15% of California's foster youth enroll in college, but just 1.8% will complete a bachelor's degree.

## THE WORK....

The goal of all CYFC programs is to ensure that foster youth and at-risk youth gain the skills, information, motivation, and support they need to receive their high school diploma and graduate from college in order to transition successfully into independent adulthood.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT [HolidayFestival@CYFCLA.org](mailto:HolidayFestival@CYFCLA.org)**

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

1200 W. 37th Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Phone Number: (323) 730-9401  
Fax: (323) 730-9403



[CYFCLA.org](http://CYFCLA.org)

### COMMUNITY

**SATELLITE OFFICE**  
**HOLMAN UNITED**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**  
3320 W. Adams Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90018