



## HOLIDAY EDITION!

As another year winds down, all of us at the [All Ways Up Foundation](#) want to wish you a very happy holiday season and an even better new year! This has been a year of tremendous growth and with your continued support, we know that 2017 will be even better. Next year, we hope to double the number of scholarships awarded to **400**, totaling nearly **\$1 million in** support to low-income college students. With this increase, we are planning three UP Through Education Summits to help the newest scholarship recipients make a smooth transition to college. We will hold two Summits in LA and one in Denver!

### 2016 Highlights:

- **\$700,000** granted to 35 community organizations
- **200** students awarded over **\$500,000** in college scholarships
- **400 kids** living in PK Management Section 8 housing attended summer camps. Over **\$150,000** in scholarships awarded.

### EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS

#### “Learn and Earn” Gift Card Program

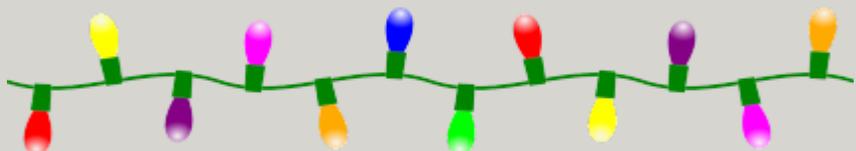
In 2016, we introduced a new academic incentive program for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students living at PK Management Section 8 properties. Students receive a gift card if they earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher. We expect to give over **\$15,000** in gift cards to these young scholars in 2017. Not only will this program incentivize the students to do well in school, but it will help us identify potential scholarship recipients.

#### Working Scholars Program

This new program supports our scholars' hard work both in and out of the classroom! Scholars working up to 20 hours per week are eligible to have their **net paychecks matched up to 50%**, with a \$400 per month cap. This program encourages a work and school balance and helps ensure that the students earn a living wage. This coming year, we anticipate giving over **\$75,000** in matched funds.

#### Working Scholar Spotlight

Christopher Eastman is a senior Psychology major at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He grew up at Whitney Young Manor in Colorado Springs, a PK Management Section 8 property. He works 20 hours per week to help with the cost of college. After his apartment burned down this fall, the extra money he received was a life saver. He said, “I am so grateful to All Ways Up for all of its support. I couldn't have made it through without it.” After graduation, Christopher plans get his Colorado Addiction Counselor license.





### Mentorship/Internship Program

This year, we are piloting a summer internship program for our scholars who live in Los Angeles. To help the students prepare for the interview process and to provide guidance as they get ready to enter the workforce, we have paired each student with a mentor from GHC Housing. While the mentors meet with the scholars during the Christmas holiday, we will be finishing up our search for companies that are interested in hosting an All Ways Up scholar for a summer internship. If you are interested or know of a company that would be interested, please contact All Ways Up's Executive Director, Lee Schube at (310) 450-2302, x211, or by email at [lschube@allwaysup.org](mailto:lschube@allwaysup.org)

### About All Ways Up

Founded by Gregory Perlman, CEO of GHC Housing Partners, the All Ways Up Foundation's mission is to help first-generation and low-income youth get into AND through college. By providing scholarships, support for other non-profit organizations and annual leadership summits, we are working to bridge the gap between ambition and opportunity and break the generational cycle of poverty. Many of the students that All Ways Up supports live in PK Management Section 8 housing and do not have the resources to complete their education. To make a year-end donation, please visit:

[www.allwaysup.org/donate](http://www.allwaysup.org/donate)

**THANK YOU!**

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### AmeriCorps VISTA Project

In November, we welcomed ten AmeriCorps VISTA members who will be serving at All Ways Up and six of our community partners in a three-year project. The VISTA program is a national service program that builds capacity in nonprofit organizations and communities to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. Our project specifically focuses on significantly increasing the number of low-income students who successfully graduate from college ready to enter the workforce. We are so excited to be able to provide additional resources to All Ways Up grantees: **College Access Plan, Determined to Succeed, Minds Matter of Los Angeles, Operation Jump Start, Social Justice Learning Institute and South Central Scholars.**

### Meet Elizabeth, All Ways Up VISTA

We are thrilled to welcome Elizabeth Forrest to the All Ways Up family. Elizabeth is a 2016 graduate from San Diego State University, where she majored in media studies and managed the social media of an on-campus non-profit. Elizabeth will spend her year of work at the Foundation building programs to support our scholarship recipients while they are in college.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual All Ways Up Alumni Reunion

In early January, we will host our first ever Alumni Reunion for our Los Angeles based scholars. We'll bowl, eat and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends. We are so excited to bring all of our LA scholars together.

